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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades National Park

From: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report of Ranger Activities
January 1959

GENERAL

Weather Conditions: Ideal winter weather prevailed during January. Warm, sunshiny days favored park visitors most of the month. Rainfall, with the exception of a few isolated showers, was light, and glades water levels dropped sharply. The water level gauge at Taylor Slough recorded 1.9 feet at the end of the month as compared with 2.25 feet last month and 2.88 feet in January 1958. Small craft warnings were displayed at Flamingo on eight days.

The following is a weather summary for the Park:

Station	Max. Temp.	Av. Max.	Min. Temp.	Av. Min.	Precipitation
Royal Palm	85.0°	75.0°	33.0°	54.0°	0.98"
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Key Largo	81.0°	75.5°	48.0°	63.4°	1.36"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: Visitation to the Park showed a substantial increase over that of the precedng month, and January 1958.

A total of 57,088 visitors entered the Park during January. Of this number, 53,215 came by car, 360 by bus and 3,513 by boat. These figures reflect an increase of 17,828 visitors, or 45% over the month of January, 1958.

Forty-nine states, nine Canadian provinces and the following foreign countries were represented: Cuba, Mexico, Venezuela, Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Kenya.

Visitors: Carroll Seghers, Time magazine photographer; Irwin Lloyd, Landscape Architect, Glacier National Park; Mr. Noel Simon, Chairman, Kenya Wildlife Society, Africa; Harry Sanders, U. S. Solicitor's Office; John Markhan, Construction Supervisor, Isle Royal National Park; Tom Abercrombee, National Geographic Society; Mr. and Mrs. Luis Bolin, Information Counselor, Spanish Embassy.

Special Activities: Ranger personnel from the Glades and Mangrove Districts met to formulate and discuss possible revisions in the Park's Special Rules and Regulations.

Park Ranger Larson made a report at the Superintendent's staff meeting regarding the Yosemite Ranger Training School.

Mr. Luis Bolin was conducted on a tour of the points of interest around Flamingo and Mr. Seghers was assisted in obtaining pictures for a magazine article.

Miscellaneous: Jack Lewis, Foreman II (Maintenance) married Miss Ann Benton, and the couple were honeymooning at the end of the month.

A farm laborer was accidentally shot and killed at Iori's labor camp in the Hole-in-the-Doughnut. County law enforcement officers investigated the incident.

ADMINISTRATION

Safety and Health: Fifteen personal injuries, of a minor nature, occurred during the month. Involved were seven Park visitors, six concessioner employees and two Park Service employees.

Four automobile accidents were investigated. Three of these occurred at the same place and in approximately the same way (the place is "Mrazek's Pond", and each of the three cars dropped over the end of an unmarked culvert). Fortunately all vehicles were traveling at a very slow rate thus minimizing the extent of damages.

Quarterly inspections of emergency and first aid equipment were made in the Glades and Mangrove Districts.

Four boat searches and rescues were conducted in the Mangrove District.

Building Fire Protection: Two large (40 gal.) foam fire extinguishers were recharged, and one was moved from the Marine Service building to the public boat launching ramp. All fire extinguishers at the Flamingo marina and motel were recharged by the Everglades Park Co.

A portable compressor was purchased for use in recharging stored air type fire extinguishers.

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: The USDA wild cotton eradication crew set up their camp at the old Roberts site west of Flamingo, and began their winter operations.

U. S. Coast Guard officers inspected concessioner sightseeing boats at Flamingo.

U. S. Border Patrolmen were assisted in an effort to locate two Cubans on North Key Largo, who had escaped from a ditched plane off shore. The Cubans were not found, but the two American pilots of the plane were picked up.

An F.C.C. Agent inspected radio equipment on Everglades Park Co. sightseeing boats, and deadlined one boat which had no radio.

A Coast Guard buoy tender serviced aids to navigation in the Mangrove District.

Cooperating Non-Governmental Agencies: In connection with offshore oil exploration activities, the Lorac Service Cooperation was again issued a special use permit to install temporary radio equipment at Flamingo.

The University of Miami creel census man spent one day in the Flamingo area.

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS

Interpretive Facilities: Mineographed maps of the Flamingo area have been prepared for visitor use, and a large wall map, for evening programs and informational purposes, was also prepared.

Interpretive Services: Twenty-three evening programs were offered at Flamingo by naturalist personnel, and four were presented by Park Ranger personnel. A total of 1,490 people attended. Thirty auto-cades were conducted, with 593 visitors participating. One interpretive hike (16 people) to Bear Lake proved interesting and successful. Because of inclement weather only one boat-a-cade was conducted. Sixteen people in five boats made the trip.

Research and Observation: Block E, priority 2, 1150 acres, included in the Long Pine Key experimental controlled burn project, was successfully burned. Work on sample plots in Block F, priority 3, was begun.

Subdistrict Ranger Winte, in cooperation with Robert Allen, Research Department, National Audubon Society, counted 145 pairs of nesting roseate spoonbills in Florida Bay.

A very good wildlife representation as been noted in the Glades District. Wading birds and other species are being seen in large numbers in the Florida Bay, Joe River - Coot Bay areas, and increased observations of manatees have been reported. The alligator and bird show at Royal Palm has also been very good. Large numbers of tarpon have been seen in Tarpon Bay and in the shallow water areas of the Glades District. An overnight fish die occurred at Royal Palm on the 30th and 31st. An estimated 1500 pounds of dead bass and bream were removed from the Royal Palm lagoon. Cause of the fish kill is still unknown, although it is suspected that lowering water levels and lack of oxygen were the main contributing causes.

OPERATIONS

Protection and Ranger Service: With the end of the deer season, hunting pressure along the boundaries of the Glades District diminished somewhat. Some bird hunting is still going on.

An attempted holdup of the Iori payroll was thwarted when advance notice leaked out. An off-duty Dade County deputy sheriff followed the payroll car and when the two hi-jacking cars attempted to force the payroll car off the road, the deputy moved in and drove off the "bandits." One of the holdup cars was caught in a Park Ranger road block thrown up and its occupants taken before the U. S. Commissioner. Since these people could not be definitely tied in with the holdup, one of the men, found with a revolver on his person, was fined $150, suspended on the condition that he stay out of the Park, and firearm confiscated.

A young couple took a boat belonging to a camper, and went off into the Cape Sable wilderness to live off the land. They were apprehended by Park Rangers and charged with illegal use of another's property. The U. S. Commissioner find them $250 and 60 days, both suspended on condition that the couple stay out of the Park.

The fine mule ear orchid which was stolen and recovered last year, has again been stolen from Flamingo.

Silver mullet fishermen along the Florida Keys were contacted and advised to obtain permits before beginning operations in the Park. Blue crab fisherman Wilson was given until February 15 to remove his wire traps from Park waters.

An aluminum skiff, deliberately sunk by means of drilling 60 holes in the bottom, was found near Highway #1 by a Park visitor,

and turned over to Park authorities. The identify of the owner and/or the person who sunk the boat is unknown.

Four speeding cases were tried by the U. S. Commissioner; each was found guilty and fined $15.

Several warnings were issued for various infractions of Park regulations.

More than 30 new concessioner employees were fingerprinted.

Approximately four miles of Park boundary in the Hole-in-the-Doughnut were surveyed by Park Rangers and posted.

Aircraft Activities: Twenty-two flights were made during the month totaling 62 hours, and covering 6200 miles. Accomplishments are summarized as follows: Located boat stolen from Park visitor at Flamingo; also the people who stole this outboard-powered boat; reported 3 boats in trouble (aground, etc.), located one overdue sports fishing party; reported hunter and frogger trespassing in the Park; scouted Long Pine Key controlled burn; located survey markers, Hole-in-the-Doughnut; flight for Mr. Sanders, U. S. Solicitor's Office to acquaint him with new Park boundary, routine fishermen and wild-life checks.

The following is a summary of patrol mileages for the month:

Automobile	19,481
Boat	1,272
Airplane	6,200
Airboat	490
Glades Buggy	15
Total	27,458

Concessioner: Regular safety and sanitation inspections revealed conditions fluctuating from bad to good. The kitchen continues to be of major concern.

Employee-management relations of the Company have become increasingly strained. An almost complete kitchen help turnover resulted when the old dining room manager was replaced by a new one.

The Company increased its boat fleet by the addition of another rental houseboat, charter boat, and sternwheel paddle boat for sightseeing.

Marine employees were instructed by Park Rangers in fire extinguisher operation.

Complaints: Verbal complaints were again received regarding the lack of tables at Long Pine Key campground.

Two complaints were registered concerning lack of guides for private boats.

A visitor complained strongly about being overcharged in the concessioner dining room at Flamingo.

Several Company employees have complained about working conditions at Flamingo.

Forest Fire Protection: The first fire of the year burned one acre of grassland outside the Park but within our protection zone.

Fire Control Aids are again contacting all farmers and other Park neighbors as the fire situation becomes more critical with the rapid drop of glades water levels.

The lowboy fire unit and one pumper were repainted by the shop.

Ruben O. Hart
Chief Park Ranger

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Memorandum

To: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Ranger Maxwell

Subject: Narrative Report for Glades District for January, 1959

GENERAL

Weather Conditions

Ideal winter weather prevailed during the month of January. Temperatures at Royal Palm ranged from 85 to 33 degrees. The minimum and maximum averages were 5 degrees warmer than those of January, 1958. Rainfall, with the exception of a few isolated showers, was light and the water table dropped sharply. The gauge read 1.9 feet on the last of the month compared with 2.25 feet in December and 2.88 feet in January, 1958.

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Royal Palm	85°	75°	33°	54°	.98"
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Visitors

Mr. Carroll Seghers, photographer for Time Magazine

Mr. Irwin Lloyd, landscape architect, Glacier National Park

Mr. Noel Simon, East Africa Game Council

Mr. Harry Sanders, U. S. Solicitor's Office

Increase or Decrease in Travel

Travel continued to increase with the tourist season, 15,121 cars and 53,215 people entered the park by road during January. This is an increase of 53% cars and 52.29% visitors over January's 9,880 cars and 34,943 people.

Special Activities

The quarterly inspection of emergency and first aid equipment was made during the month of the equipment station in the Glades District.

Miscellaneous

On the night of January 18th, Amado Riviera was shot and killled on the Iori farm propery in the Hole-in-the-Donut. He had just purchased a new automatic pistol and was showing it to two friends. He fired the gun several times, took out the clip, and handed it to one of the two onlookers. He told the man to go on and shoot him, forgetting that there was a bullet still in the chamber. The county authorities termed it an accidental death.

The Iori's graced the Long Pine Key Road from their labor camp the Barnes' country.

Dade County graded and graveled Loveland Road from Highway 27 to Avocado Drive.

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

Park Ranger Wilmer Walker took 16 hours and Seasonal Fire Control Aid Robert L. Brown took 8 hours sick leave during January.

Fire Control Aid Ralph Johnston took 8 hours annual leave during the month.

Building Fire Protection

A small aid compressor which can build up sufficient pressure to recharge dry chemical extinguishers was received during the month. It is hoped that this will save considerable time and expense of sending this type of extinguisher out for recharging.

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS

Research and Observation

An overnight fish die-out occurred at Royal Palm on the 30th and 31st. Hundreds (estimated 350 pounds) of bass and brim were taken from the pond in front of the station. The alligators and gars were having a field day on the 31st.

OPERATIONS

Protection and Ranger Service

Approximately four miles of park boundary in the Hole-in-the-Donut area were surveyed and posted during January. Three important points from old surveys along Township line 58 and 59 were found. One was a U. S. General Land Office Survey cement monument marking T58S, R35E, R36E, S35, and S31. It is hoped that this survey can be continued on south to the Ingraham Highway. An interesting point is that the line crossed the Long Pine Key Road approximately 300 feet west of the present gate.

Deer hunting season ended during the month which somewhat relieved the pressure in the Royal Palm and Ten Mile Corner areas in the District. Some bird huting still is going on.

Two maps were prepared for Headquarters showing the new park boundaries and park road.

An attempt to hold up the Iori payroll of $4,700 was foiled on January 9th when advance notice leaked out. The Ioris hired an off-duty Dade County Deputy to ride in a car following the payroll. The second car managed to scare off the would-be bandits who escaped in their own car.

Five cases of speeding and one for possession of firearms were taken to the U. S. Commissioner during the month. Four of the speeding cases were fined $15.00 each, one was suspended and one did not show up. Commissioner Jordan said he will make out a warrant in this case. The firearms case was fined $150.00 and firearms taken. The fine was suspended.

Patrol Mileage for the District was as follows:

Truck	15,049 miles
Glades Buggy	15 miles
Airboat	490 miles
Total	15,554 miles

Complaints

Complaints were again received this month about the lack of tables at the Long Pine Key campground. One man was so disturbed that he threatened to write his senator about the matter. (Special memorandum of January 29th)

Forest Fire Protection

The first fire of the year occurred on January 8th. It burned about one acre of grassland outside of the park but inside the protection zone.

Fire Control Aids continued their patrol activities along the East Boundary and Long Pine Key areas. An attempt to contact all farmers and local residents was made as the water table continued to drop.

Eight burning permits were issued to farmers along the East Boundary and Long Pine Key areas after inspection of areas by Fire Control Aids.

Plot E of the Long Pine Key controlled burned area was fired during January. The burn was approximately 80% completed.

All signs stolen the last of December were remade by Fire control personnel.

The lowboy fire unit and one pumper repainted by the shop.

Ralph B Maxwell

Ralph Maxwell
Glades District Ranger

MONTHLY VISITOR REPORT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
ROYAL PALM DISTRICT

January, 1959

ORIGIN OF VISITORS	Observed Cars	Observed Visitors	Percent
Dade County Florida	2,490	8,715	
Other Florida	517	1,809	
Out-of-State	4,293	15,025	
Busses	19	360	
Audubon Society	23	80	
Miscellaneous and Local	3,094	10,829	
Total Observed	10,436	36,818	100%
Total Not Observed	4,685	16,397	
GRAND TOTAL	15,121	53,215	

States Not Represented

Representation From

U. S. Territories	Canada	Foreign
	Alberta	Cuba
	British Columbia	Mexico
	Manitoba	Venezuela
	Newfoundland	Spain
	Nova Scotia	France
	Ontario	Germany
	Quebec	Switzerland
	Saskatchewan	Austria
	Prince Edward Is.	Finland
		Norway
		Denmark

Long Pine Key
Campers - days
1,106

Ralph D. Maxwell
District Ranger

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February 1, 1959

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Park Ranger, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for January, 1959

General

Weather Conditions: Stormy but dry weather prevailed the major part of the month. The last week was beautiful with temperatures in the 80's and mild summer like breezes.

Temperature and precipitation observations were recorded as follows:

	Maximum	Minimum	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Precipitation
Flamingo	82°	39°	74.6°	57.2°	.62 in.
Key Largo	81°	48°	75.5°	63.4°	1.36 in.

Small craft warnings were displayed on all or portions of eight different days.

Increase or Decrease in Travel: All phases of visitor use activities increased over last month, but no appreciable increase over January of last year was noticeable.

Camper use was recorded as follows:

Flamingo Campground -	(trailers)	394
	(tents or other)	398
	Total Visitor Days	1692
Lostman's River Area Wilderness Camping	Total Visitor Days	80
Florida Bay Wilderness Camping	Total Visitor Days	60
GRAND TOTAL VISITOR DAYS		1832

Overnight guests at the motel numbered 1957.

Boat Travel: Windy weather on three weekends curtailed boating activities, but occasional nice week days and one good week end was enough to boost boat travel much above last month.

Boat traffic, of the various types in the district was as follows:

Flamingo	Rental Boats	245	Visitor Days	635
Flamingo	Sightseeing Trips	262	Visitor Days	2239
Flamingo	Ramp Boats	507	Visitor Days	1774
*Flamingo	Slip Rentals	37	Visitor Days	430
Flamingo	Charter Boats	80	Visitor Days	261
*Lostman's R.	Boats Observed	20	Visitor Days	100
*Florida Bay	Boats Observed	409	Visitor Days	1227
*Other Boats	(Estimated)	225	Visitor Days	787
	GRAND TOTAL	1785		7453

(*) First entrance by boat - 691 boats, 2544 visitors.

Visitors: Many local businessmen and proffessional men visited Flamingo at a Rotary Club luncheon and were quite pleased with the place. Other visitors included:
Carrol Seagers - Photographer, Time Magazine
Harry Sanders - Solicitor, Secretary's Office
John Pennycamp - Associate Editor, Miami Herald
W.A. Marion, - Superintendent, Ft. Pickens State Park
Mr. and Mrs. Luis Bolin - Information Counselor, Spanish Embassy
Ed Ball - President, Florida East Coast Railroad
George Brown - Forestry Aid, Pisgah National Forest, N. Carolina

A cocktail party at Flamingo was partially sponsered by Mr. Ralph Jordan, U S Commissioner for the Park, and all kinds of important local people were kicking around that night.

Special Activities: Ranger personnel in the district met with personnel from the Glades District to formulate and discuss possible changes in Spedial Rules and Regulations for the Park.

Ranger Larson made a report at the Superintendent's Staff Meeting regarding the Yosemite Ranger School.

Mr. Luis Bolin was personally escorted to interesting points around Flamingo, and Carrol Seagers was assisted in obtaining pictures for a magazine article.

Miscellaneous: Mixed gang foreman, Jack Lewis obtained permission to keep a woman in his apartment, so he married Miss Ann Benton and plans to move her in. They were honeymooning at the end of the month.

Administration

Safety and Health: Fourteen personal injuries occurred during the month. All were minor. Six involved visitors, Six involved concessioner employees and two involved Park Service employees.

Three automobile accidents were investigated. All occurred at the same location and minor damage resulted in each case as the cars involved pulled off the road to observe birds at Mryzeks Pond and dropped over the open end of the culvert there.

Quarterly inspection of emergency and first aid equipment was made.

Four search and rescues were conducted. One of them was the rescue of the District Ranger and Naturalist. Three other rental skiffs overdue were pulled in by Everglades Park Company employees.

Building Fire Protection: Two large (40 gal) foam fire extinguishers were recharged, and one was moved from the Marina to the boat launching ramp. All the extinguishers at the Marina and motel have been recharged by Everglades Park Company.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: The Cotton Pickers (US Department of Agriculture Wild Cotton Eradication Crew) set up camp at their old campsite and began operations.

Coast Guard Inspector Quinby inspected concessioner sightseeing boats Robin K, Playmate and Juniper. All were reissued certificates with the understanding that a fixed CO2 system would have to be installed on the paddlewheeler Robin K. soon. Passenger limit on the Playmate was raised to 39.

US Border Patrolmen were assisted in an effort to locate two Cubans, on North Key Largo, who had escaped from a ditched plane off shore. The two Cubans were not found, but the two American pilots of the plane were picked up.

US Fish and Wildlife Agent Watson assisted a boat aground in the Park on Cross Key Bank.

FCC Inspector Gilbert May Weatherwax inspected radio equipment on Everglades Park Company sightseeing boats and deadlined one boat with no radio.

A Coast Guard buoy tender serviced aids to navigation in the district.

Cooperating Non*Governmental Agencies: Lorac Service Corporation was again issued a special use permit to install radio equipment near the water standpipe at Flamingo. The permit authorizes the same activity as was conducted last summer.

Activities of the University of Miami shrimp study team were reduced somewhat while their boat was being hauled and painted.

One day was spent in the Flamingo area by University of Miami creel census man.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Interpretive Facilities: Mimeographed maps of the Flamingo area have been prepared for visitor use. Ranger Larson has prepared a large wall map for use at evening programs or for other use as might be needed.

Interprtive Services: Twenty three evening programs were offered at Flamingo by naturalist personnel. Four were given by ranger personnel. A total of 1490 people attended. Thirty auto-cades were led and 593 people participated. One interpretive hike, with 16 people, to Bear Lake proved interesting and successful.

Inclement weather forced cancellation of all but one boat-a-cade. There were 5 boats and 16 people on it.

Research and Observation: S ub-District Ranger Winte, in cooperation with Bob Allen, Research Department, National Audubon Society, counted 145 pair of nesting spoonbills in Florida Bay.

A substantial increase in observations of Sea Cows was noted, although the total number was still very small. Four were reported.

Wading bird observations included large flocks of most of the common varieties along the southerly banks of Joe River, large flocks of skimmers along Florida Bay shor line both ways from Flamingo and a good number of egrets and herons in Mr yzeks Pond. Reddish egret, normally a rare bird has been less frequently observed than usual.

Warm weather in the last week of the month brought large numbers of tarpon into the shallower waters of the district. Tarpon Bay at times became literally infested with them.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Three warning violations were issued for violation of Sec. 1.18, Park Rules and Regulations, entering a closed area. One warning violation was issued for speeding.

A young couple took a boat belonging to a camper and went off into the wilderness to live off the land. They were rescued, apprehended and charged under State law with illegal use of anothers property. A fine and jail sentence was imposed and suspended.

Personnel in the district were alerted of an attempted robbery in the "Hole-in-the-Donut". Search was made for a car beleived to be involved.

The University of Miami Lab. reported their boat missing. Upon investigation it was revealed an Everglades Park Company employee had moved it without authority. Dick Lowry, the service station man, was warned.

Sullivan and Watson continue their alledged gratis charter boat service and have been out regularly. Another problem of enforcement has cropped up in the form of free lance guides soliciting business at Flamingo.

Various silver mullet fishermen along the Florida Keys were advised to obtain permits before beginning operations. Blue crab fisherman Wilson was given until February 15 to remove his wire traps from Park waters.

A sunken aluminum skiff was found near Highway # 1 by two fishermen who took the skiff to Homestead and reported it. The skiff had been submerged by drilling 60 holes in the bottom, sides and floatation chambers. The owner of the boat has not been located. Inquiries have not uncovered any reports of missing boats.

A very fine specimen of Mule Ear Orchid, recovered once about a year ago after it had been stollen, was taken again. Three parts of the plant recovered and replanted in different locations were all missing.

Inclement weather and boat failures were responsible for reduction in boat patrols. Reports of night pompano fishing points up the need for increased night patrol work. Four night boat patrols were made. More were needed. Late (voluntary overtime) road patrols were made on at least twice as many as the eight nights scheduled. Patrol mileages were as follows:

Vehicle	-	3932
Boat	-	1272

Two disorderly drunken incidents were handled.

Over 30 new concessioner employees were fingerprinted.

Maintenance: A cracked block in the Florida Bay patrol boat put it out of service indefinitely. Water pump and valve troubles layed up the Higgins part of the month. The radio was removed from the Prowler and taken to repairman Dodd for overhaul and replacement of control head and speaker.

Grading and filling of holes in the picnic ground at Flamingo was accomplished prior to beginning of erection of tables and benches. Work on the tables, benches, fireplaces and fountains is proceeding rapidly.

Three channel markers were erected to supplement Coast Guard markers in the Flamingo channel.

As usual, routine maintenance tasks occupied most of the time of maintenance personnel. In fact they were hard pressed to keep up with the routine duties. Extra duty hours were required to repair the sewer system at Flamingo.

Concessioner: Regualr safety and sanitation inspections revealed fluctuating conditions, from bad to good. The kitchen continues to be of major concern.

Three new boats were aquired by the company during the month. A new charter boat and a rental houseboat were added to the Marina fleet. A stern wheel paddleboat was added to the sight seeing fleet. The Playmate was painted.

A shuffleboard has been built and a badminton net has been erected near the Visitor Center.

Employee-management relations of the Company have become more and more strained. A new dining room manager, moved in under the old one to take over, resulted in an almost complete kitchen turnover.

A survey of menu prices revealed certain items out of line and orders were given to correct prices to approved rate until changes are officially approved..

Employees at the Marina were instructed in fire extinguisher operation.

Complaints: Two verbal complaints were received concerning lack of guides available for private boats.

A visitor complained bitterly of being charged $.50 for a $.30 vegetable in the dining room.

Several Company employees have complained about working conditions at Flamingo.

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Ernest J. Borgman
District Park Ranger
Mangrove District

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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades National Park

From: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report of Ranger Activities
February 1959

GENERAL

Weather Conditions: The U. S. Weather Bureau in Miami announced that this was the hottest February on record for this area. This was a pleasant contrast to February 1958, when all South Florida shivered in one cold wave after another

Rainfall was light, and 'glades water levels continued to drop. The water level gauge at Taylor Slough read 1.6 feet compared with 1.9 feet for January, 1959, and 2.3 feet for February, 1958.

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Increase or Decrease in Travel: February's near-perfect visitor weather was very definitely reflected in the Park's travel statistics.

A total of 62,868 visitors entered the Park during February. Of this number, 59,382 came by car, 475 by bus, and 3,011 by boat. These figures represent an increase of 20,998 visitors, or 50% over the month of February, 1958. This was the largest single travel month in the history of the Park.

Forty-eight states, one U. S. Territory, eight Canadian provinces, and the following foreign countries were represented: England, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Poland, Germany, France, Spain, Switzerland, Lebanon, Latvia, Iran, S. Africa, Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, and Cuba.

Visitors: Noteworthy visitors included members of the NPS Boating Committee who were in the Park for a week discussing matters of boating safety, regulations and other matters pertaining to boating in NPS areas. Members of the Committee were:

Charles A. Richey - Chairman, Supt., Lake Mead NRA

Lemuel A. Garrison - Supt., Yellowstone NP

Robert F. Gibbs - Supt., Cape Hatteras NSRA

John G. Lewis - Supt., Isle Royale NP

Ralph H. Cameron - WASO

Allyn Hanks - WASO

Robert Horne - National Capital Parks, Washington, D. C.

Other visitors included:

Morris Rosenfeld and son - Yachting photographers

Otto Brown - Chief Park Ranger, Yellowstone NP

Ranger & Mrs. Dunbar Susong - Great Smoky Mountains NP

Mr. Jacob Bockkey - Journalist, Johannesburg, S. Africa

Max Hunn - Photographer and writer

Special Activities: The Supt. and Mangrove District Ranger conducted the NPS Boating Committee on an inspection tour (via NPS cruiser) of marine facilities on the Florida Keys.

Auditors made a spot check of numbered equipment in the Mangrove District.

The Commonwealth Oil Co. began preparations for drilling an exploratory oil well 1-3/4 miles east of the Tamiami Ranger Station and 1-3/4 miles north of Tamiami Trail.

The Boy Scouts of America constructed two more cabins on their Long Pine Key property. This makes a total of eight cabins in that area owned by BSA.

Land is being cleared at the west end of Ingraham Highway. The Putman brothers are doing the work, and they also dug a 24-inch drainage ditch west from the end of the road for 500 feet.

Miscellaneous: A farewell party, honoring Chief Park Ranger Hart, transferring to Mt. Rainier NP and Park Engineer Mikell, transferring to Virgin Islands NP, was held at the Pine Island Chickee.

ADMINISTRATION

Safety and Health: Eight accidents involving personal injuries were reported. All but two were concessioner employees, and all but one were of a non-serious nature.

A commercial fisherman lost several fingers to a shark caught in a net outside Park waters near Middle Cape.

The Park Safety Committee inspected the Florida Bay Ranger Station. Recommendations made by the Committee are being complied with.

Building Fire Protection: Three fire extinguishers formerly located at the old concessioner buildings at Coot Bay were relocated at Lostmans River Patrol Station.

COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: The Mangrove District Ranger spent one day with the USDA wild cotton eradication supervisor inspecting operational procedures of crews working along the Crocodile Point road.

USCG Commander Quinby spent two days inspecting concessioner sightseeing boats.

Mr. E. R. Williams of the U. S. Public Health Service arrived at Flamingo and began making a survey to initiate operational procedures on incinerator and waste disposal facilities.

The Florida Bay Subdistrict Ranger made a cooperative boat patrol with a State Saltwater Conservation Officer to check for current conservation licenses, required by all boats equipped for fishing.

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS

Interpretive Facilities: A temporary amphitheater, made up of 24 benches in a semi-circular pattern was set up at the Flamingo campground.

Interpretive Services: Thirty evening programs were offered at Flamingo, 22 by Naturalist personnel, four by Ranger personnel, and four by guest speakers. A total of 2058 people attended the talks. The Naturalists conducted 29 auto-cades and had a total of 654 people in 245 cars. Four interpretive hikes to Bear Lake attracted 45 visitors.

Four Boat-a-Cades were led into the back country by Park Rangers. Sixteen boats, with 47 people aboard, participated.

General Publicity: Photographers and writers in the Mangrove District included Max Hunn doing an illustrated story on the Boat-a-Cades. Morris Rosenfeld, photographing for Yachting and other magazines, photographer Dade Thornton doing a series on the Cuthbert Rookery, and Mr. and Mrs. Orin Fogle obtaining first-hand material for an article on an Everglades NP back country canoe trip.

Research and Observation:"Mrazek's Pond", near Coot Bay has been providing an outstanding bird show for Park visitors. Many species of birds have been feeding there because of the copious food supply of minnows. The birds appear to be unconcerned about being watched and photographed by the hundreds of visitors who stop at the pond to see them. Wood ibis, spoonbills, egrets, herons, ducks and other species can all be observed together in this tiny pond next to the main park road. On one occasion "nature in the raw" was observed by several visitors at the pond, when an alligator caught a young unsuspecting spoonbill.

Work has begun gathering data on Block F, Priority 3, Long Pine Key controlled burning project. At the end of the month all sample plots were established, and much data obtained preparatory to burning this 875 acre block.

OPERATIONS

Protection and Ranger Service: Two thefts at Flamingo were investigated by Park Rangers, but no clues could be found to identify the thieves. A visitor's trailer hitch and a quantity of pipe owned by a contractor were the items stolen.

The Park Ranger Pilot located and apprehended a plane landed on Cluett Key. The pilot was fined $100 by the U. S. Commissioner.

A local "drag racer" terrorized a concessioner employee and his family by deliberately forcing the latter's car off the park road. This adult delinquent was later apprehended by the patrol ranger and taken before the U. S. Commissioner for trial. His driver's license was revoked for one year, he was fined $500 and four months in jail (suspended), and instructed to report to the Commissioner monthly and attend church each week for six months. This sentence should have a salutory effect on other "drag racers" in this area.

Vandals struck again in February. Four stop and four directional signs were taken, and a battery and fire extinguisher were removed from park equipment parked along the road.

Commercial fisherman suspected of netting in closed areas were contacted and warned regarding fishing regulations.

In addition to the two Commissinner's cases noted previously the following cases were also tried by the U. S. Commissioner:

Speeding - - - - -5 cases - - - - - Fine $10 each

Speeding - - - - -1 case - - - - - Fine $25

Speeding - - - - 1 case - - - - - Fine $10, suspended.

A series of small buoys was placed around Cuthbert Rookery to keep sightseeing boats from approaching the nesting birds too closely.

Thirty-six new concessioner employees were fingerprinted.

Two rescues were made by rangers in the Mangrove District. One involved a small yacht aground on a mudbank near Flamingo, and the other involved an unseaworthy old boat manned by two boys near Lostmans River. Ranger patrol boat towed the latter boat in to Coot Bay.

Aircraft Activities: Seven flights were made, totaling 17-1/2 hours and covering 1750 miles. Accomplishments are summarized as follows: Located overdue Ranger patrol boat, observed commercial fishing boats with nets in areas closed to nets; observed reported frogging trespass, Tamiami Subdistrict; contacted airplane illegally landed in park (see Protection and Ranger Service); Park Ranger in charge of fish and wildlife flown over Taylor Slough area to determine water conditions; Mr. Albert Vick, Civil Engineer, Region One, flown over park for water resources study.

The park aircraft was taken to Tamiami airport for overhaul of a faulty magneto.

Routine boat and wildlife observations were made on all flights.

The following is a summary of patrol mileages for the month:

Automobile	15,639
Boat	2,201
Airplane	1,750
Airboat	406
Glades buggy	15
Total	20,011

Concessioners: Safety and sanitation inspection at Flamingo continues to reveal no improvement in the generally substandard conditions. The sanitary condition of the kitchen has become increasingly worse.

Sightseeing boat trips to the Cuthbert Rookery were inaugurated, and a good bird show makes this a satisfying trip for park visitors.

Lack of cooperation and a lackadaisical attitude toward Park Service policies by the concessioner have become more pronounced than ever before. Concessioner employee morale at Flamingo is at a low ebb.

Complaints: Rodger Lee, manager of the Jewfish Creek Fishing Camp complained that signs on the State Road right-of-way should be removed. His complaint was referred to the State Road Department.

Many grumblings, complaints and rumors have circulated among concessioner employees regarding pay, working hours, supervisors, etc., but no formal complaints have been submitted.

Verbal complaints by campers regarding washing hair and dishes under water taps were received. Offenders were contacted and warned not to repeat such practices.

Forest Fire Protection: Fire danger increased throughout the rapidly drying up glades. No fires burned on park land during February. The old 3/4-ton truck assigned to Royal Palm Subdistrict was retired from service and replaced by the 3/4-ton truck from Tamiami. A 1/2-ton truck equipped with a rebuilt Panama pump was assigned to Tamiami Subdistrict.

Ruben O. Hart
Chief Park Ranger

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March 3, 1959

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Ranger, Glades District, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for Glades District, February 1959

General

Weather Conditions: June-in-February weather prevailed during the month. You might say that we had spring weather about all month without the spring showers. Temperatures of 80 degrees or over were recorded on 24 days at Royal Palm Station. Precipitation was about average for the month but most of the rain fell on one day, February 5, 1959. Water levels throughout the glades continued to fall. The gauge at Taylor Slough read 1.6 feet compared with 1.9 feet for January and 2.31 feet for February, 1958.

	Max. Temp.	Mean Max.	Min. Temp.	Mean Min.	Rainfall
Royal Palm	86°	82°	52°	62°	2.03"
Tamiami	90°	85°	55°	64°	.32"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: Travel through the District continued to increase for the year. February, although a short month, was the biggest month travel-wise in the history of the Park. 59,857 visitors in 16,972 cars entered the area. This is an increase of 58.4% over last February's visitation of 37,785 persons.

Visitors from all 49 states except Utah were recorded. Persons from eight Canadian provinces and eighteen foreign countries also entered the District.

Visitors: Mr. Jacob Bockkey, Johannesburg, South Africa, Journalist.

Special Activities: The District Ranger attended meetings of the Park Safety Committee and Incentive Awards Committee during the month.

A doe deer was killed on the Park Road one mile southwest of the Joree Road on the 21. This is number 27 to be killed and the first one this year.

The Glades District Ranger made two inspection trips in the Tamiami Subdistrict during February. The Station Tower and Loop Road area were looked over.

The Commonwealth Oil Co. is preparing to drill an exploratory oil well north of the Tamiami Trail. The well is to be located about 1-1/4 miles east of Tamiami Station and 1-3/4 miles north of the Trail. By the end of the month, the canal had been bridged and the road to the site partially completed.

The Boy Scouts constructed two more cabins on their land on Long Pine Key. This makes a total of eight of the structures. I was told that they are being furnished by the Rotary Clubs of Coral Gables, Miami, and Miami Beach.

Land is being cleared at the west end of the Ingraham Highway. The Putman brothers hired a bulldozer and ditch digger from Doug Tower to do the work. They received permission to dig a 24-inch ditch west from the end of the road about 500 feet. With the aid of the dozer, the tops were knocked off of several hammocks on their land south of the highway.

Operations

Ranger Activities: District personnel participated in the Annual Rodeo Parade held in Homestead during February. The lowboy and fire tractor, patrol car, and airboat were used in the parade.

The survey started last month at the west end of the Hole-in-the Doughnut- was completed as far south as the Ingraham highway. Mr. Manly was taken on an inspection trip of this work.

In a talk with Peter Iori on boundary matters, it was found that he still insists their farm owns land 5/8 miles north of the Long Pine Key road. Our survey, so far, substantiates our contention that their line is only 3/8 of a mile north of the road.

Two cases of vandalism were noted this month. One was when four stop signs and four directional signs were taken, the other was where a battery and two fire extinguishers were taken from park equipment parked along the road over the weekend.

Nine law enforcement cases were heard before the U. S. Commissioner during February. Seven were for excessive speed on park roads. Of these seven, five were fined $10.00, one $15.00 suspended, and one $25.00 One case was for landing an airplane on park lands with the defendent fined $100.00 or 30 days in jail.

The most serious case heard this month was that of a group of teenagers who tried to force another car off the road. The driver of the car was charged with reckless operation. The Commissioner revoked his driver's license for one year, fined him $500.00 or 4 months (suspended) and instructed the boy to report to him monthly and go to church for six months.

Patrol Mileage for the District was as follows:

Truck	11,132
Gladesbuggy	15
Airboat	406
Total	11,553 Miles.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities: The fish at Royal Palm Visitor Center looked better by the end of the month with fewer dying. The first week of February seemed to be the critical period. Over 1,000 pounds of dead fish were removed from the pond.

Forest Fire Protection; No fire burned on park land during February. With the water level through the district still falling, fire danger is mounting daily.

One tractor, one pumper, and the lowboy unit were painted the first of the month. The old 3/4-ton truck assigned to Royal Palm Sub-district was retired and the 3/4-ton truck from Tamiami was brought down to take its place. A 1/2-ton truck with rebuilt Panama pump was sent to the Trail.

Ralph D. Maxwell
District Ranger

MONTHLY VISITOR REPORT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
ROYAL PALM DISTRICT

February ,1952

ORIGIN OF VISITORS	Observed Cars	Observed Visitors	Percent
Dade County Florida	3,033	10,615	
Other Florida	583	2,040	
Out-of-State	5,100	17,850	
Busses	19	475	
Audubon Society	30	153	
Miscellaneous and Local	3,305	11,567	
Total Observed	12,070	42,700	100%
Total Not Counted	4,902	17,157	
GRAND TOTAL	16,972	59,857	

States Not Represented: Utah

Representatives From

U. S. Territories	Canada	Foreign
Hawaii	Alberta	England
	British Columbia	Scotland
	Manitoba	Denmark
	New Brunswick	Norway
	Nova Scotia	Sweden
	Ontario	Poland
	Quebec	Germany
	Saskatchewan	France
		Spain
		Switzerland
		Lebanon
		Latvia
		Iran
		South Africa
		Argentina
		Colombia
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Robert D. Maxwell
District Ranger

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P. O. BOX 275
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA

March 1, 1959

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Park Ranger, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for February, 1959

General

Weather Conditions: Beautiful warm sunny weather prevailed. Only three days during the month did the maximum temperature drop below 80°. Minimum temperatures remained 70° or above 13 days of the month.(at Flamingo)

Temperature and precipitation observations were recorded as follows:

	Maximum	Minimum	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Precipitation
Flamingo	84°	57°	81.3°	64.3°	2.07 in.
Key Largo	85°	64°	81.4°	72.8°	1.77 in.

Small craft warnings were displayed at Flamingo on two occasions. The warning flag was flown a total of 33 hours. Small craft warnings were displayed on six different days at Key Largo.

Increase or Decrease in Travel: Warm Florida weather and cold weather in the northern states contributed to a very good travel month. The heaviest use of visitor facilities at Flamingo since beginning of operations was recorded. An almost continual full house at the motel accounted for 2559 visitors staying overnight there.

Camper use was recorded as follows:

Flamingo Campground -	(trailers)	729
	(tents or other)	601
	Total Visitor Days	2874
Lostman's River Area Wilderness Camping	Total Visitor Days	121
Florida Bay Wilderness Camping	Total Visitor Days	50
GRAND TOTAL VISITOR DAYS		3045

The S.E. group of the Wally Byam Airstream Trailer Caravan spent a weekend at Flamingo, and the 45 trailers accounted for part of the large trailer count. The campground still has never reached maximum capacity.

Boat Travel: Again, the weather played a big part in increased boat traffic. Travel as to types of boating traffic and activities was as follows:

Flamingo	Rental Boats	317	Visitor Days	838
Flamingo	Sightseeing Trips	270	" "	3215
Flamingo	Ramp Boats	756	" "	2546
*Flamingo	Slip Rentals	47	" "	250
Flamingo	Charter Boats	117	" "	412
*Lostman's R.	Boats Observed	62	" "	155
*Florida Bay	Boats Observed	442	" "	1326
*Other Boats	(Estimated)	168	" "	494
	GRAND TOTAL	2179		9236

(*) First entrance by boat - 719 boats, 2225 visitors.

Visitors: Noteworthy visitors included members of th NPS Boating Committee who were in the Park for a week discussing matters of boating safety, regulations and other matters pertaining to boating in NPS areas. Members of the committee were as follows:

Charles A Richey - Chairman and Supt., Lake Mead NRA
Ralph H. Cameron - Design and Construction Office, Wash., D.C.
Robert F Gibbs - Supt., Cape Hatteras NSRA
Lemuel A. Garrison - Supt., Yellowstone NP
Allyn Hanks - Chief, Visitor Protection Division, Wash. D.C.
Robert Horne - National Capitol Parks, Wash. D.C.
John G. Lewis - Supt., Isle Royal NP

Other visitors included:

Morris Rosenfeld and son Jr. - Yachting photographers
Max Hunn - Photographer and writer
Otto Brown - Chief Park Ranger, Yellowstone National Park
Dunbar and Alice Susong - Park Ranger, Great Smokies NP
Orin and Barbara Fogle - Photographer and writer on back country canoe trip
Dade Thornton - Photographer doing series on Cuthbert Rookery

Special Activities: An inspection tour of marine facilities on the Florida Keys was conducted for the benifit of the NPS Boating Committee.

Auditors made spot check of numbered equipment in the district.

Supervisory Ranger Shaw attended Incentive Awards Committee meeting

Miscellaneous: Most of the personnel in the district attended the annual Miami Boat Show at Dinner Key.

Administration

Safety and Health: Eight accidents involving personal injuries were reported. All but two were concessioner employees. Only one accident appeared to be serious. A fractured collarbone was suspected and the victim was taken to the hospital via NPS transportation.

Two very minor auto accidents were investigated. Less than $25 damage resulted in each case.

A commercial fisherman lost several fingers to a shark caught in a net off Middle Cape.

Treatment beyond first aid for infection was administered on two occasions by Ranger Evenson at the remote Lostman's River Patrol Station.

A rental skiff aground near Flamingo was rescued, and a private yacht was pulled free from a mud bank. Two irresponsible boys and a decrepit old boat were saved from discomfort and possible disaster by Ranger Evenson at Lostman's River. The inoperative craft was towed into Flamingo, and the boys returned to their home port at Key West via land.

The Park Safety Committee inspected the Florida Bay Ranger Station. Reccommendations made by the committee are being complied with.

Building Fire Protection: Two 2½ gal. foam and one 2½ gal. soda acid fire extinguishers salvaged from the old concessioner buildings at Coot Bay were relocated at the Lostman's River Patrol Station.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: The District Ranger spent one day with the Department of Agriculture Wild Cotton Eradication Supervisor inspecting operational proceedures of crews at work along the Crocodile Point road.

Cmdr. Quinby,(getting to be a regular visitor at Flamingo) spent two days inspecting Company sightseeing boats.

Mr. E. R. Williams of the US Public Health Service has spent some time at Flamingo surveying and initiating operational proceedures on incenerator and waste disposal facilities.

The University of Miami relaunched their boat "Medusa" which is now in first class condition for continued marine research duties.

A cooperative patrol with Florida Salt Water Conservation Officer Hobbs was made by Supervisory Ranger Winte. Boats in the Park were checked for current conservation licenses.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Interpretive Facilities: An addition to the interpretive facilities at Flamingo has been added. Visitors now inquiring for the "Schiffman Amphitheater" are directed to the site just south of the campground where Rich Huber has had 24 benches planted in a semi-circular arrangement. The first campfire talk is soon to be expected.

Interpretive Services: Thirty evening programs were offered at Flamingo, 22 by naturalist personnel, four by ranger personnel and four by guest speakers. A total of 2058 people attended the talks. The naturalists led 23 auto-cades and had a total attendance of 654 people in 245 cars. Four interpretive hikes to Bear Lake attracted 45 visitors.

Concessioner employees were addressed by Park Naturalist Christensen.

Four Boat-A-Cades were led into the back country. Only 16 boats with 47 people aboard attended.

General Publicity: Photographers and writers in the district included Max Hunn doing a story on the boat-a-cade with photographs, Morris Rosenfeld and Son photographing for Yachting and other magazines, photographer Dade Thornton doing series on Cuthbert Rookery and Mr. and Mrs. Orin Fogle obtaining first hand material for article on extended canoe trip into the back country of the Park.

Research and Observation: Young spoonbills were flying around nesting keys in Florida Bay by the end of the month, and some have dispersed to other areas of the Park. Adult and young have been observed at ponds and marshes along the main keys, lower Park mainland, Mryzeks Pond and along old highway to Card Sound. Due to late nesting, concentrations are still comparetively heavy at the nesting sites. At least one of the adventuresome young birds strayed toofar afield and met disaster at the hands(or rather mouth) of a gator in Mryzeks Pond. Ranger Larson observed the incident, as also did some irate bird watchers who thought it a disaster which should never be allowed to happen in a National Park.

Two young Bald Eagles have appeared in the nest at Mud Bay. The nest SE of Coot Bay has apparently been abandoned.

Mryzeks Pond continues to be a fine bird show for visitors, and many cars are parked there almost any hour of the day.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: A theft of a trailer hitch at the Flamingo boat launching ramp was reported and investigated. Identity of the theif could not be determined. Another unsolved case is one involving some missing plastic pipe reported by a sub-contractor for Cothron Construction Company.

The Park pilot located and apprehended a plane landed on Cluett Key.

An abandoned boat at Lostman's River was burned with the written permission of the owners.

A violation warning was issued to a party camping at Nine-mile lake for building a fire without a permit. The party was told to use designated campgrounds in the Park.

A concessioner employee cooperated with the NPS to testify in Commissioners Court concerning a reckless driving charge against a local juvenile.

Taxi service seems to have become another phase of ranger activities at Flamingo. Drunken concessioner employees released by the Company without transportation have been escorted out of the Park on two occasions. A befuddled bicyclist, not knowing quite where he was, was contacted late at night at Paurotis Pond. The old fellow had no camping gear or food. He and his bicycle were taken to Homestead via patrol car.

Reports of boats with nets aboard were checked out in Lake Ingraham and Shark River. Although no violations were evident at the time the boats were checked, skippers of the boats were warned of the regulations governing nets in the Park. The mouth of Broad River continues to be actively used as an anchorage for commercial boats.

A protective boundry around Cuthbert Rookery was buoyed to eliminate any possibility of sightseeing boats getting to close.

Close supervision and enforcement of the 10 o'clock beer curfew at the marina has been necessary. Several of the kitchen employees have attempted to sneak beer out after 10.

A visitor, under the influence of alchohol, lost his 12 year old son late in the evening. The two were reunited, with help of rangers, at the motel room where the father had left his son.

The "No Nets or Seins" sign in First Bay was removed by person or persons unknown. Another sign was erected to replace the missing one.

Speed limit signs (25 MPH) have been erected at Mryzeks Pond where congestion of bird watchers has become a hazard.

Boundry signs were replaced along US 1 where the boundry could be reached via land.

Principal commercial fishing activities consisted of silver mullet fishing in Florida Bay, trout and mackeral fishing, pompano fishing off the west coast and stone crab trapping in Florida Bay and off the West Coast. Little activity centered around Sandy Key.

Much of the boat patrol work in Florida Bay was concentrated around the spoonbill nesting keys. Several night road and boat patrols were made. Total patrol mileages for the month were as follows.

Vehicle - 4007
Boat - 2201

A new patrol wagon, assigned to the District Ranger, was put into use.

Thirty six new concessioner employees were fingerprinted.

Maintenance: Boat maintenance, as usual, required considerable time of maintenance as well as ranger personnel. The Correct craft at Florida Bay was put back into service with an emergency semi-permanent cold weld repair to the cracked block. The MFG patrol skiff was hauled, scraped, cleaned and the bottom painted. The two old 10 HP Johnson motors on it were replaced by two new 18 HP Johnsons. A complete scrubbing and mildew removal job was accomplished on the Prowler. Repair of the radio on the Prowler, new control head and speaker and a modification of the antenna has resulted in maximum radio efficiency. Repairs were required on two 10 HP outboards off the Lostman's River patrol skiff.

A second incidence of sewer trouble in the "trouble free" Flamingo sewere system occurred.

Most of the posts for a barricade around the picnic ground have been set. Connecting chain is yet to be installed.

A "Cuthbert Rookery" sign made at the fire cache was erected prior to beginning of operation of the Cuthbert Rookery sightseeing trips.

Outhouses at West Lake were put back into service, and maintenance of them have added to the maintenance force work load.

The ways at Coot Bay were damaged (and will probably not be repaired) when an unauthorized concessioner employee attempted to raise a Company boat full of water.

A new 2 HP disposal unit has been installed at the fish cleaning table, but all difficulties have not been overcome. Accumulation of fish scales now results in periodic blowing of fuses.

Old planks were replaced with new ones at Lostman's River, Coot Bay, Bear Lake Canal and West Lake docks.

Roadside picnic tables were placed at Paurotis and Nine-Mile ponds.

Operational proceedures and bugs of the incinerator have been worked out, as much as possible, between the maintenance staff and Mr. Williams of the US Public Health Service.

Concessioners: Safety and sanitation inspections failed to reveal any improvement in generally very poor conditions. The sanitary condition of the kitchen has become increasingly worse.

Three outboard boats were launched in West Lake to accomodate sight-seeing visitors on the Cuthbert Rookery trip. Trips to the rookery were authorized on the 13 th. No apparent adverse effects to the rookery due to visitation have occurred yet. General reaction to the trip by visitors has been very enthusiastic.

Lack of cooperation and a lackadaisical attitude toward policies of the Park Service by the Company have become more pronounced than ever before. Continued change of personnel has not helped the morale situation any.

Boat tours by the Audubon Society to Florida Bay bird nesting sites have been filled to capacity.

Complaints: Rodger Lee, Manager of Jew Fish Creek Fishing Camp, verbally complained that signs on state road right of way should be removed. The complaint was turned over to the State Road Department.

Many grumblings, complaints and rumors have circulated among concessioner employees regarding pay , working hours, supervisors etc., but no formal complaints have been submitted.

Verbal complaints by campers regarding washing hair and dishes under water tap were received. Offenders were contacted and warned not to repeat such practices.

Ernest J. Borgman
District Park Ranger
Mangrove District

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
P. O. Box 275
Homestead, Florida

April 9, 1959

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades National Park

From: Acting Chief Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report of Ranger Activities for March 1959

GENERAL

Weather Conditions: Temperatures during the month were a little above average for March, and precipitation was also above average.

By the middle of the month water levels throughout the Park were rising. At the end of the month the water level gauge at Taylor Slough read 2.11 feet. This compares with 1.6 feet for last month and 1.75 feet for March, 1958.

Small craft warnings were displayed 118 hours at Flamingo and on all or part of nine days at Key Largo.

The following is a weather summary for the Park:

Station	Max. Temp.	Av. Max.	Min. Temp.	Av. Min.	Precipitation
Royal Palm	89°	78.0°	40°	57.0°	4.76"
Flamingo	84°	81.7°	44°	63.2°	3.23"
Tamiami	91°	82.4°	46°	60.1°	5.57"
Key Largo	85°	81.9°	54°	68.1°	2.75"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: For the second consecutive month travel records were broken. Continued fine weather was probably the main contributing factor in the increased park visitation.

A total of 65,312 visitors entered the park during March. Of this number, 60,571 came by car, 599 by bus, and 4,142 by boat. These figures reflect an increase of 23,983 visitors, or 58% over the month of March, 1958. March, 1959, now displaces February 1959 as the largest single travel month in the history of the park.

Forty-eight states, one U.S. Territory, six Canadian Provinces, and the following foreign countries were represented: England, France, Germany, Denmark, Cuba, Switzerland, Panama, Lebanon, Iran, South Africa, Columbia, Venezuela and Norway.

Visitors: V. R. Ludgate, Regional Landscape Architect, Region One.

Ed Williams, USPHS Sanitation Engineer

A. E. Milhern, Payroll Clerk, Yellowstone National Park

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Linder, Administrative Assistant, Carlsbad Caverns National Park

Congressman Michael J. Kirwan, House Appropriations Committee

Eugene B. Wilhelm, House Appropriations Committee

R. J. Maylor, Chief Ranger, Department of Lands and Forests, Alberta, Canada.

Tyler Kiener, Regional Engineer, Region One

Samuel Hoover, Electronics Engineer, WASO

Devereux Butcher, National Parks Association

Colonel and Mrs. Clarence Chamberlain, Pioneer Aviator

Brig. Gen. Qualls, USA, Retired

Vic Dunaway, Fishing Editor, Miami Herald

Dr. C. W. Tebeau, Uni. of Miami, History Department

Congressman and Mrs. Gardner Withrow, Wisconsin

Special Activities:

Regional Landscape Architect Ludgate met with Glades and Mangrove District personnel regarding the park sign program.

Supervisory Ranger Shaw received a 10 year Interior Department service pen at the Superintendent's staff meeting.

Sunrise Easter services were held at Flamingo.

Supervisory Park Ranger Larson is enrolled in the Homestead Power Squadron course in seamanship.

Subdistrict Ranger Stokes received a $25 incentive award for use of reflective paint on boundary signs.

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel: The Personnel Assistant conducted a short training session for rating officials on performance ratings.

Safety and Health: Five accidents involving personal injury occurred during the month. All were non-service personnel and injuries were of a minor nature.

Three minor automobile accidents and two boat accidents were investigated by Park Rangers.

A private aircraft, bound from Mexico to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, made a forced landing on the road at Flamingo. Stormy weather and zero ceiling caused this landing. There were no injuries to plane or its two occupants.

A light plane piloted by airmen from the Homestead Air Force Base crashed near the park's east boundary. Glades District personnel in NPS buggy took investigating Air Force officers to the crash, which completely demolished the plane and injured one of the airmen.

Building Fire Protection: An exhaust pit fire occurred at the Flamingo power plant. Concessioner employees extinguished the blaze without damage to the building.

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

Cooperation with Other Federal, State or Local Agencies:

The U. S. Weather Bureau moved its hurricane weather station from Royal Palm to the Pine Island Fire Cache.

All water gauging stations in the park were serviced during the month. For the first time in several months water levels were so low that two of the stations had to be checked by glades buggy rather than airboat.

U.S.P.H.S. Sanitation Engineer Williams completed his studies of the incinerator and sewage system at Flamingo. One of his conclusions was that the incinerator installation was exactly backwards, and that the incinerator will never be 100% efficient.

Mr. George Carley of U.S.P.H.S., together with the Assistant Superintendent and Mangrove District Ranger made an inspection of the concessioner kitchen. Several deficiencies, primarily housekeeping practices, were noted.

The U. S. Coast Guard erected navigation light #15, flashing green at the north end of the Flamingo channel.

The USDA completed their wild cotton eradication and moved from their camp near Flamingo.

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS

Interpretive Facilities: Very attractive labels for the orchid display near the Flamingo museum were completed by Ranger-Naturalist Brown.

Interpretive Services: Four boat-a-cades were conducted. Thirty two boats participated, carrying 107 people.

An Audubon group of 85 people were conducted on a boat tour to Snake Bight by Park Naturalists.

General Publicity: An article in the Boating Issue of Sports Afield featured the Boat-A-Cades.

The Miami Herald featured two articles, taken from Ford Times, on the park.

Research and Observation: This has been a very good year for the birds. Both Cuthbert and East River rookeries have been thriving with nesting activities and rearing of young birds. The old rookery site at Rookery Branch has again become active, and other smaller rookeries are active on Dildo Key and other keys in Florida Bay. Five flamingos have been fairly common residents in Snake Bight. A young black bear was observed near Middle Fox Lake. The bird activity at Mrazek's Pond stopped as suddenly as it started. Occasional spoonbills can still be seen there. One manatee was observed in Pearl Bay. Data on Block F, Priority 3, Long Pine Key controlled burning project was completed, and this block is now ready for burning as soon as weather permits.

OPERATIONS

Protection and Ranger Service: Two poaching violations were reported. A visitor reported that a friend had seen several alligator carcasses near Banana Patch. Investigation by Park Rangers failed to substantiate the report, although strong suspicion of illegal activities in that area exist.

Rookery Branch was temporarily closed to all visitation to protect the newly formed rookcery there.

A stolen car abandoned near Paurotis Pond was investigated by Park Rangers and the FBI. The owner was located, but the car thief was not apprehended.

Two more abandoned boats, one a small skiff, and the other a rubber raft were picked up by Park Rangers during the month.

Stone crabbing has decreased in Florida Bay due to the scarcity of crabs.

A concession employee's house trailer at Flamingo was burglarized of five watches.

A fine specimen of cigar orchid plant on the road near Coot Bay was taken by an unknown person or persons.

Glades District personnel were given a refresher course in the use of the Emerson resuscitator.

All ranger and fire equipment stored at the old fire cache was moved to Pine Island.

Only one case of vandalism was noted during the month; a speed limit sign near Long Pine Key campground was stolen.

The following cases were tried by the U. S. Commissioner:

Speeding - 3 cases- - - - - - - Fine $10 each
Speeding - 1 Case - - - - - - - Fine $15
Entering closed area - 1 case - Sentence suspended

Aircraft Activities: Nine flights were made totaling nineteen hours and covering nineteen hundred miles. Accomplishments are summarized as follows: Route patrol with Supt. Garrison of Yellowstone National Park; located commercial fishing boat with nets in Lake Ingraham; located crashed airplane near park boundary; search for poacher at East River rookery; found abandoned skiff, Florida Bay; aerial photography of rookeries in the park by Park Wildlife Ranger; bald eagle count by Field Research Biologist; aerial check on boat suspected involved in illegal activities; recorded wildlife observations and boat activity.

The following is a summary of patrol mileages for the month:

Automobile - - - - - - - - - - - --	19,821
Boat - - - - - - - - - - - - - - --	1,791
Airplane - - - - - - - - - - - - --	1,900
Airboat- - - - - - - - - - - - - --	217
Glades buggy- - - - - - - - - - -	15
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	23,744

Concessioners: March was another good month for the concessioner. The motel was full all month and the dining room was also very busy most of the time.

Three complaints regarding concessioner operation were investigated. One concerned high grocery prices, one concerned lax mail handling and one was regarding a refund on an unoccupied motel room. The concessioner has initiated remedical action to correct the causes for visitor complains.

Two new sightseeing boat trips have been added by the concessioner. One trip goes to Snake Bight and the other is a moonlight trip.

Forest Fire Protection: There were no fires in the park or its protective zone during March.

All fire gates on Long Pine Key were marked with new signs and reflectors.

A new map of the east boundary showing vegetation type was completed by the east boundary patrolman. The patrolman also completed a new list of all park neighbors in the area.

A group of15 Miami High School students visited the fire cache, where they were shown the fire equipment and given a short talk on glades fire fighting.

Clifford W. Senne
Acting Chief Ranger

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
P. O. Box 275
Homestead, Florida

April 9, 1959

Memorandum

To: Acting Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Ranger, Glades District, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for Glades District, March, 1959

GENERAL

Weather Conditions: March's temperatures were about average for the month, rainfall was a little above average. A maximum temperature of 89 degrees was recorded both at Royal Palm and Tamiami Stations.

The water levels through the District were helped greatly by mid-month rains. The water level at Taylor Slough stood at 2.11 feet at the end of the month. This compares to 1.60 fee last month and 1.75 feet for March, 1958.

	Max. Temp.	Mean Max.	Min. Temp.	Mean. Min.	Rainfall
Royal Palm	89°	78.0°	40°	57.0°	4.76"
Tamiami	91°	82.43°	46°	60.1°	5.57"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: For the second month running, visitor records were broken in the district. A total of 17,313 cars and 61,190 persons entered the Park through the Entrance Station. This is an increase of 63.7% over March, 1958's figures of 37,378 persons. It is interesting to note that this increase of visitor travel has been handled with one less seasonal ranger this year. The road has been patrolled only three days a week. The Entrance Station ranger has been helped on weekends by the District Ranger.

All states except Alaska were represented by visitors in the Park. Six Canadian Provinces and 13 foreign countries were also represented.

Visitors:

Representative Gardner R. Withrow of Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Withrow visited the Royal Palm area on March 24th. They were contacted by Naturalist Mendlen and District Ranger Maxwell. Mr. Withrow regretted that he did not have the time to go further into the Park and hoped to return another year.

Special Activities:

The District Ranger attended a meeting with Superintendent Hamilton, Mr. Ludgate, and other members of the Park Sign Committee. The group went to Flamingo to look over proposed site for signs in the area. Material of which the signs are to be made and the design were also discussed.

The oil operation north of the Trail seemed to be progressing slowly. By the end of the month, the road to the drilling site had been built about one mile, leaving 3/4 of a mile to go. The oil rig will be placed on a 150 by 150 fill at the end of the road.

Mr. J. L. McCord, Director of Commonwealth Oil Company, was quoted by the Miami News as saying that he hoped to start drilling about 14th of April and the well will cost an estimated $200,000. The well will be officially Commonwealth Coastal, State No. 1 on lease 1055. This will make the fifth well drilled in this general area since 1952. Two previous ones were just south of the Trail(in the Park), one at 40-Mile Bend and one just across the Trail from Jimmy Tiger's Village.

Ranger personnel of the Tamiami Subdistrict attended the annual barbacue of the Everglades Conservation Club near Monroe Station on the 15th.

Subdistrict Ranger Richard A. Stokes received a $25 Incentive Award for his suggestion of using reflective paint on boundary signs.

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel: The following personnel in the Glades District took leave as shown below:

Ralph D. Maxwell	2 hours	Sick Leave
Eugene Bunker	8 hours	Sick Leave
Earl Ogle	10 hours	Sick Leave
Robert Brown	16 hours	Annual Leave
Raymond Spruill	8 hours	Annual Leave
David Foster	8 hours	Annual Leave
Eugene Bunker	10 hours	Annual Leave

Safety and Health: The District Patrol car was damaged slightly during the month. The car is being repaired by the insurance company of the other vehicle involved.

What might have been a serious accident was averted when a ranger noticed smoke coming from under the hood of a Park visitor's car. He stopped his patrol vehicle, took the fire extinguisher, and ran across the road. The driver was sitting in the car unconcerned, said there was nothing wrong, his car was just hot and he was letting it cool down. The hood was raised and all of the engine was found to be blazing. The fire was knocked out with the extinguisher without any trouble. A wrecker was called and the car taken out of the Park.

On the evening of March 7th, it was learned that a plane belonging to the Homestead Air Base Flying Club had crashed off the end of Mowry Road. The Coast Guard had already taken the men out by helicopter. The Air Base was contacted to ascertain whether it was in or out of the Park. They had no definite information as to the exact location or nature of the accident, it was learned, however, that the plane was a single engine Champion Cruiser belonging to the Air Force sponsored club. Also that all persons were out.

The morning of the 8th, the C.A.A. requested aid in investigating the crash. A glades buggy and two men were sent to the end of Mowry Road where they met C.A.A. Inspector James Serra, and Captain James Rose and Sgt. Thomas Sawyer of the Air Base. These men were taken to the scene of the crash on the buggy. The plane was location in Section 10, Range 37, Township 57 and about 1-1/2 miles outside of the Park. The plane was considered a total wreck, Mr. Serra did not, at that time, determine the cause of the accident. The engine was removed and taken back to the base. An interesting side light was when the Air Force air-dropped lunch (turkey sandwiches, pie, milk, and cigars) to the party in the field.

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

Cooperation with Other Federal Agencies: The Weather Bureau moved their hurricane weather station from the Royal Palm Visitor Center to the fire cache at Pine Island. The station had been at Royal Palm so long that the Park Service had hooked the radio aerial to the weather pole in a very permanent fashion. The Bureau men were nice enough to leave the pole at Royal Palm and erect a new one (steps and all) at the Fire Cache.

OPERATIONS

Protection and Ranger Service: All water gauging stations in the District (P-33, P-34, P-37, P-38) were read during March. For the first time in several months water conditions were so low that two of the stations had to be checked by glades buggy rather than airboat.

The stretcher at Royal Palm Visitor Center was cleaned up and moved from the storage room to the office. It is felt that this location is more readily accessible.

One case of vandalism was noted during March when the 45 MPH sign located near the Long Pine Key Campground was stolen. This happened on the night of March 3rd when no patrolman was on duty.

Boy Scout use of their land south of the Long Pine Key fire tower has increased. All eight cabins are now finished. Sanitation around the building is very poor, this was discussed with several leaders.

District personnel were given a refresher course on the use of the Emerson Resuscitator.

All ranger and fire equipment stored at the old fire cache at Royal Palm was removed with the exception of hand-out trash bags. These will be removed as soon as another storage place is found.

Performance Ratings were made and discussed with district protection personnel during the month.

Five cases were before the U. S. Commissioner during March, all were for speeding. Two defendants posted bonds of $10.00. Two were fined $10.00 and one was fined $15.00 which was suspended.

Patrol mileage for the District was as follows:

Truck	15,048 miles
Airboat	217 miles
Glades Buggy	15 miles
Total	15,280 miles

Forest Fire Protection: There were no fires in the Park or its protective zone during the month of March.

Fire Gate No.7 was moved about 300 feet west on Long Pine Key Road to the newly established boundary. Fire Gate No. 8 was installed during the month. All fire gates were marked with new signs, saying "Fire Road - Gate No.__".

A new map of the east boundary showing vegetation type was completed by the east boundary patrolman. The patrolman also completed a new list of all park neighbors in the area.

A group of 15 students from Miami High School visited the fire cache. The Fire Cache Supervisor showed them around and told the group a little about fire fighting in the glades.

Plot F on Long Pine Key was ready to burn but unfavorable weather postponed the burning until next month.

Ralph H. Maxwell

Ralph Maxwell
District Ranger

MONTHLY VISITOR REPORT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
ROYAL PALM DISTRICT

March ,19 50

ORIGIN OF VISITORS	Observed Cars	Observed Visitors	Percent
Dade County Florida	2,981	10,293	
Other Florida	590	2,065	
Out-of-State	4,927	17,244	
Busses	20	500	
Audubon Society	30	101	
Miscellaneous and Local	3,527	12,344	
Total Observed	12,046	42,344	100%
Total Not Observed	5,267	18,430	
GRAND TOTAL	17,313	61,170	

States Not Represented	Representatives From U. S. Territories	Canada	Foreign
Alaska	Puerto Rico	Alberta British Columbia Manitoba Ontario Quebec Saskatchewan	England Denmark Cuba France Germany Switzerland Panama Lebanon Iran South Africa Colombia Venezuela Norway
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Long Pine Key
Camper days: 671

Ralph B Maxwell
District Ranger

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
and
FORT JEFFERSON NATIONAL MONUMENT
P. O. BOX 275
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA

April 1, 1959

Memorandum

To: Acting Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Park Ranger, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for March, 1959

General

Weather Conditions: The weather was pretty much normal for March with several windy days. Temperatures for the most part were a little above average.

Weather observations were recorded as follows:

	Maximum	Minimum	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Precipitation
Flamingo	84°	44°	81.7°	63.2°	3.23 in.
Key Largo	85°	54°	81.9°	68.1°	2.75 in.

Small craft warnings were displayed 118 hours at Flamingo and on all or part of nine days at Key Largo.

Increase or Decrease in Travel: Another good travel month has boosted travel figures, although visitor use of facilities at Flamingo remains about the same as February. Campground use was down and motel use was up. Mosquitoes have been a contributing factor as far as campground use is concerned.

Camper use was recorded as follows:

Flamingo Campground -	(trailers)	351
	(tents or other)	324
	Total Visitor Days	1449
Lostman's River Area Wilderness Camping	Total Visitor Days	62
Florida Bay Wilderness Camping	Total Visitor Days	125
GRAND TOTAL VISITOR DAYS		1636

Motel Guests (visitor days) 3018

Boat Travel: Increased number of visitor days compared to decreased number of boat trips out of Flamingo reflects a correspondingly larger percentage of sightseeing visitors. Travel as to types of boating traffic was recorded as follows:

Flamingo	Rental Boats	188	, Visitor Days	508
Flamingo	Sightseeing trips	305	, " "	4191
Flamingo	Ramp	539	, " "	2061
*Flamingo	Slip Rentals	31	, " "	374
Flamingo	Charter Boats	98	, " "	350
*Lostman's R.	Boats Observed	72	, " "	170
*Florida Bay	Boats Observed	569	, " "	1707
*Other Boats	(Estimated)	214	, " "	626
	GRAND TOTAL	2066		9987

(*) First entrance by boat - 886 boats, 2877 visitor days.

Visitors: George Carley, US Public Health Service
V.R. Ludgate, Landscape Architect, Region I
Ed Stephanic, Former Asst. Chief Ranger, ENP.
Ed Williams, US Public Health Service, Sanitation Engineer
A.E. Milham, Payroll Clerk, Yelllwstone N.P.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Linder, Administrative Asst., Carlsbad N.P.
Mr. Everett, Australian Ornithologist
Mr. Watt, Australian olympic runner.
R. J. Naylor, Chief Ranger, Dept. of lands and forests, Alberta, Canada
Sam Hoover, Electrical engineer, Wash. Office
Mr. Kiener, Region engineer, Region I
Dade Thornton, Tropical Audubon Society
Mr. Williams, " " "
Devereaux Butcher, National Parks Association
Gen. Qualls, Retired, US Army
C. W. Tabeau, U. of Miami, History Dept.
Mr. and Mrs. Orin Fogle, photographers and writers
Vic Dunaway, Fishing Editor, Miami Herald
Congressman and Mrs. Kirwin, Chairmen, Appropriations Committee
Gene Wilhelm, Secretary, Interior Appropriations Committee
Dr. David Smith, exchange research student, Cambridge England, Rockefeller Foundation.

Special Activities: Paul Leroon, Elmer Hampton and Robert Kearney are enrolled in the current Homestead Power Squadron course.

A fashion show was presented at the Flamingo dining room by Mrs. Francis Lee, and a buffett luncheon was served by the Company for the occasion.

Supervisory Ranger Shaw received ten year service pin at Superintendent's staff meeting.

Sunrise Easter Services were held at Flamingo.

Regional Architect Ludgate conferred with various members of the district personnel regarding signing the Flamingo area.

Administration

Personnel: Seasonal Naturalist Donald Brown transferred to Royal Palm on the 17 th., was back at Flamingo again on the 23 rd. and 24 th., and was terminated at Royal Palm on the 25 th.

A training session concerning performance ratings was attended by supervisory personnel in the district including the District Maintenance Supervisor, The Sub-District Ranger and the District Ranger.

Safety and Health: Five accidents involving personal injury occurred during the month. Four visitors were injured and one EPC employee. All injuries were minor.

Two minor auto accidents were investigated. Less than $25 damage resulted in each case.

Two boat accidents occurred. A rental houseboat rammed against a dock, and a rental skiff was left unattended to broach against a rip rap and overturn.

Inclement weather forced an aircraft down, on the road at Flamingo, on a flight from Cozumel, Mexico to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Building Fire Protection: The second exhaust pit fire in the life of the Flamingo Power Plant occurred. No suppression action was taken by the National Park Service.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: US Public Health Service Sanitation Engineer Williams completed his studies of the incinerator and sewer system. One of his final conclusions was that the incinerator installation was exactly backwards ~~of what it should be~~, and that the incinerator will never 100 % efficient.

Mr. George Carley of the US Public Health Service, in cooperation with the Asst. Superintendent and District Ranger, made an inspection of the concessioner kitchen. Several deficiencies, primarily housekeeping practices, were noted, and the concessioner has repeatedly been told to improve the situation.

Mr. James S. Haeger and Dr. Ley of Florida State Board of Health, Mosquito Research Lab., collected some mosquitoes near the Flamingo Campground in connection with a research project.

Dr. Tabeau, University of Miami History Dept. spent two days at Lostman's River gathering material for a future publication on history of the area. Leon Hamilton, native born in the Lostman's area, provided Dr. Tabeau with some fine stories.

The US Coast Guard erected navigation light # 15, flashing green, at the north end of the Flamingo channel.

The US Department of Agriculture completed their annual cotton picking operation early this year due to lack of funds, and have moved from their camp near Flamingo. The houseboat operation in Florida Bay is scheduled for completion early in April.

Water guaging station P-35 was serviced.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Interpretive Facilities: Very attractive orchid labels for the display near the museum were completed by Don Brown as a final task before leaving the area.

Interpretive Services: Four boat-a-cades were conducted and another first chalked up - a naturalist led boat-a-cade. Thirty two boats carrying 107 people participated in the four boat-a-cades.

Total number of interpretive contacts other than boat-acades amounted to 2220, 1735 at 26 evening programs, 471 at 21 auto-cades and 16 on one Bear Lake hike.

Naturalists Schiffman and Muller conducted an Audubon tour to Snake Bight via Company sightseeing boats. Approximately 85 people were in the group.

General Publicity: An article by S. W. Matthews, appeared in the Sports Afield Boating Issue on the Boat-a-Cade.

Two articles, taken from a Ford Times series on the Park, with paintings by Bernard Lippman, appeared in the Miami Herald.

Public Relations: Park Ranger Larson dispatched one unfriendly rattlesnake at the Flamingo Lodge.

Research and Observation: It seems to be a bumper year for the birds this year. Both East River and Cuthbert rookeries are doing excellent. Young Wood Ibis are abundant at both places. The old rookery site at Rookery Branch has again become active. Several hundred birds , principally White Ibis,are nesting there. Other smaller rookeries can be found at Dildo Key and other keys in Florida Bay. Large concentrations of birds have formed along most of the headwaters region. Five Flamingos have been fairly common residents in Snake Bight. Two Flamingos have been observed on several occassions in Madera Bay. White crowned pigeons have put in there appearance. One was observed over East River rookery.

A rare and interesting observation was made by maintenanceman Elmer Hampton and caretaker Robert Kearney. While they were on a canoe trip to Middle Fox Lake a young black bear was spotted. A deer was observed in the same area.

Increased amounts of rainfall have brought the predictable increase of mosquitoes and other unwelcome insects into the area.

Mryzeks Pond activity ceased as suddenly as it started. About the only interesting observation that can be made there now is a spoonbill or two now and then.

One manatee was reported for the month, in Pearl Bay.

All personnel in the district have cooperated, as time and opportunity permit, to assist Biologist Robertson obtain realistic count of Eagle nests and young reared.

OPERATIONS

Protection and Ranger Service: Two poaching violations were reported. A second handed report was received from a visitor that several gator carcases had been seen by a friend near Bana Patch. Investigation failed to substantuate the report, although strong suspicion of illegal activities in that area exist. Ranger Larson and photographer Fred Truslow, on a "photography patrol" to East River herd one gun shot in the rookery, but immediate search from the air and on the ground failed to reveal anything. The maze of mangrove islands and waterways proved to be of definite advantage to the violater in making good his escape.

Unauthorized use of Government vehicle (USDA) again occurred this year at the cotton pickers camp. The offender was apprehended by Department of Agriculture officials.

Rookery Branch was closed to all visitation to protect the newly formed rookery there.

A stolen car abandoned North of Paurotis Pond was investigated by Ranger Larson and FBI Agent Kelly. The case has not yet been solved.

"Probings" into the new Gulf Coast District have been made. Ranger Evenson made a boat patrol into Chevilier Bay and an air patrol to Everglades wasmade by the Park pilot and the District Ranger.

One case involving entering a closed area was heard in Commissioners Court. Notice of violation warnings were issued for reckless operation of boat and landing of aircraft. Another violater xx(Pelican) could not be contacted to serve summons on. He stole a wallet.

An abandoned rental skiff at Buoy Key was picked up. The owner was notified and advised of regulations regarding abandoning of equipment.

Two reports of offense were investigated. A female EPC employee reported the theft of five watches from her house trailer. A fine specimen of Cigar Orchid on the road near Coot Bay was taken by person or persons unknown.

Stone crabbing in Florida Bay has decreased considerably. Scarcity of crabs has forced most of the commercial crabbers to pull out. One crabber passed through Whitewater Bay with traps, but none were set out.

A couple more abandoned boats were added to the Coot Bay fleet. A small plywood boat was picked up at Nine-Mile Bend Pond, and a rubber raft was found at Paurotis Pond.

Because of the lack of birds at Mrygeks Pond the 25 MPH signs there were removed.

Severe radio interference, almost continual, has severely hampered all phases of radio communications.

Two all night boat patrols were made in the Rookery Branch, North River and Roberts River areas. Several night road patrols were made.

Patrol mileages for the month were as follows:

Boat	1791
Vehicle	4773

Concessioners: March was another good month for the concessioner at Flamingo. The motel remained full almost continually. Several day visitors have stayed over for dinner in the dining room, and capacity crowds were experienced there several times.

Complaints regarding concessioner operation were investigated. One complaint concerned high grocery prices. Another complaint was lodged regarding laxity of forwarding mail at the Post Office. Some difficulty was experienced by a visitor who could not get immediate refund on an unoccupied motel room. Necessary remedial action to eliminate future similar complaints xxxx has been iniated by the Company.

Snake Bight and moonlight sightseeing trips have been added to the sight seeing schedule. New sightseeing captains have been hired for the

Juniper and the Playmate.

Charter boat captain Mark Hamilton and Leona left Flamingo, and Mark is now chartering out of Everglades

Regional engineer Kinner and Sam Hoover of the Washington Office have been hard at work trying to determine an adequate rate schedule for Company and Park Service owned utilities.

Maintenance: Maintenance jobs completed other than routine included the following.

Old Coot Bay concessioner building site cleaned up.
Lostman's skiff hauled and painted.
Four picnic tables located at Onion Key and Camp Lonesome.
Blown head gasket on dodge pickup repaired.
Cuthbert rookery gate fixed.
New Johnson outboard (18HP) out of service twice, factory contacted.
Picnic ground chained off.
Grassed areas fertilized.
Two 10 HP outboard motors repaired.
Oil changed in Higgins.
Radio out at Lostman's, not repaired yet.

The usual sewer repairs and fish cleaner attendance was required.

Ernest J. Borgman
District Park Ranger
Mangrove District

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P. O. BOX 275
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA

May 6, 1959

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades National Park

From: Acting Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report of Ranger Activities - April 1959

General

Weather Conditions: Another dry month has lowered water tables throughout the Park. The Cape Sable prairie was drier than it has been for several years.

The water level gauge at Taylor Slough read .75 feet at the end of April, compared with 2.11 feet for March. The reading in April 1958 was .60 feet.

Small craft warnings were displayed at Flamingo for 21 hours, and for three days at Key Largo.

The following is a weather summary for the Park:

Station	Max. Temp.	Av. Max.	Min. Temp.	Av. Min.	Precipitation
Royal Palm	89°	82.0°	51°	61.0°	0.75"
Flamingo	87°	83.3°	54°	66.3°	0.41"
Tamiami	93°	85.9°	51°	63.1°	1.64"
Key Largo	88°	83.0°	58°	71.6°	0.95"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: A total of 44,243 visitors entered the Park in April. Of this number, 39,499 came by car, 395 by bus, and 4,349 by boat. These figures reflect a decrease of 8,637 visitors under the April 1958 figure of 52,880 visitors.

All states except Alaska, five Canadian provinces and the following foreign countries were represented: France, Brazil, Germany, Finland, Chile, Cuba, Poland, Switzerland, Spain, Austria, Holland, Peru, Belgium, Luxembourg, Thailand, Japan, Colombia, England, Italy, Norway, Honduras, and Argentina.

Visitors: William O. Douglas, Associate Justice, U. S. Supreme Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Holder, Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park.
Mr. Ralph Morrill, Peabody Museum, Yale University
Mr. Don Erskine, Division of Interpretation, WASO
Mr. Gunnar Fagerlund, Division of Interpretation, WASO
Lt. Hamilton, Captain of the Port, Key West Coast Guard Base

Special Activities: Subdistrict Ranger Winte attended the Key Largo Civic Club panel discussion on the controversial spear fishing regulation. If the present ban on spearfishing along the Keys is lifted we can expect stepped-up illegal spearfishing in the Park, especially near the Keys. Ranger Winte also attended meetings in connection with this same subject at the Upper Keys Conservation Council and Key Largo Voters' meeting.

Ranger Larson is nearing completion of the U. S. Power Squadron course in Navigation and Small Boat Handling.

Fire Control Aids Robert L. Brown, Raymond A. Spruill were

each awarded $25 incentive awards.

Drilling has started at the oil well site north of the Tamiami Trail.

Miscellaneous: The Larsons and the Maxwells have moved into their Pine Island residences.

Administration

Personnel: Ranger Whitmoyer was placed on a special temporary detail in the Royal Palm District, where his duties will be concerned with entrance station operation, night road patrol, and wildlife research.

Fire Control Aid Brown was transferred to Tamiami Subdistrict to fill the position vacated when FCA Bunker was terminated.

Safety and Health: Three boat rescues were made by Park Rangers in the Mangrove District.

Two minor motor vehicle accidents were investigated. There were no personal injuries.

Three Park visitors suffered minor personal injuries, and one involved catfish barb wounds of fishermen, and one involved a visitor who bumped his head against an automobile doorpost.

The Park Safety Committee met and inspected facilities at Pine Island, Royal Palm, and Flamingo.

Quarterly inspection of emergency and first aid equipment was made, and all deficiencies noted were corrected except replacement of one first aid kit.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with Other Federal, State, or Local Agencies:

Park Rangers assisted the State Highway Patrol in two automobile accidents on the Tamiami Trail.

U. S. Coast Guard personnel were given transportation to Little Shark River to repair the navigational light there.

Two U. S. Border Patrolmen were in the Flamingo area acquainting themselves with the area and surveying the possibility of illegal entry there.

The Florida Bay Subdistrict Ranger was accompanied by a State Conservation Officer on two boat patrols into the Park.

All Park radios went off the air for a half-hour during a Conelrad alert.

Cooperating Non-Governmental Agencies: The Audubon Society moved its boats out of Bear Lake for the summer. Audubon Warden Best took one of the boats to Duck Rock for the summer protection of that bird roost. Tours from the Florida Keys into Florida Bay have also been discontinued.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Interpretive Services: Boat-a-Cade participation by visitors increased. Five Boat-a-Cades with a total of 37 boats and 128 people were made. One special Boat-a-Cade was conducted for a Coast Guard Auxilliary Flotilla.

General Publicity: Four tape recordings were made of an interview with Subdistrict Ranger Shaw by an NBC correspondent for Radio "Monitor" concerning the weekly Boat-a-Cades.

Supreme Court Justice Douglas' trip to the Park was given very good coverage by Miami and local newspapers.

Public Relations: Good catches of unusually large trout and bonefish in Florida Bay by local fishermen, Keys guides and Flamingo charter boats have been of tremendous value as a practical demonstration of conservation values. It is generally accepted that the protection of the bottom against drag seining is directly responsible for the numerous big fish, and many of the skeptics have had a change of heart toward the Park. "Spreading the word" to the public offers an excellent opportunity to promote public relations.

Research and Observations: Three crocodiles captured by State Wildlife Officers were released in the Park. Other crocodiles and their nests have been noted on Florida Bay Keys and the lower mainland portion of the Park.

Blocks "F" and "G", of the Long Pine Key experimental, controlled burning program, were burned. Almost half of the Long Pine Key area has now been burned.

A fish die out of about 100 pounds occurred in the pool behind the Tamiami Ranger Station.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Airboat patrols in the Tamiami area ended because of near-drought conditions in the glades.

The Park entrance station is manned only three days a week because of a shortage of manpower.

Iori Farms have plowed up to the recently established line in the northwest corner of the "Hole-in-the-Doughnut", indicating that they probably accept this line as correct.

Two inspections of the Tamiami Subdistrict were made by the Glades District Ranger. Protection problems were discussed with the Subdistrict Ranger.

Park Ranger [illegible] the Mangrove District have been concentrating efforts to curtail alligator poaching activities. Much night boat patrol work has been devoted to this important protection problem.

Vandals moved a few channel markers to locations away from channels to cause boats to run aground on shoals.

A concessioner's cash box at Flamingo was burglarized of $363. The FBI is now investigating this case, but to date we have not heard the results of the investigation.

The Lostmans River generator shelter was broken into, but nothing was taken. Minor damage to the door has been repaired.

The following violations were tried by the U. S. Commissioner:

Speeding - Three cases - $10 fine each

Speeding - One case - $15 fine

Driving without valid driver's license - No fine imposed.

Aircraft Activities: Fifteen flights were made totaling 37 hours and covering 3,700 miles. One night flight was made looking for alligator poachers. Accomplishments are summarized as follows: Check on crocodile nesting activities (several active sites found); scouted and checked Tom's Creek Fire; froggers observed on east boundary; Long Pine Key control burn checked; Wood Key Cove fire discovered; stop-netting, illegal crabbing and suspected poaching activities observed and reported to Mangrove District Rangers; discovered Cabbage Bay fire; reported two boats in trouble; located rookery and bird roost in Ten Thousand Islands area; began watching Rutherford Timber lease area near Lopez River (no cutting activity noted). Checked three burns in Halfway Creek area. During most flights normal wildlife and bird observations noted, as well as information on boating activities.

A 100-hour inspection and annual relicensing of aircraft was accomplished at Tamiami Airport.

The following is a summary of patrol mileage for the month:

Automobile	16,151
Boat	2,521
Airplane	3,700
Airboat	90
Glades Buggy	5
TOTAL	22,467

Concessioners: Bob Knight, President of the Everglades Park Co., Inc., reorganized operations at Flamingo for the summer season. Reduction of the concessioner staff seemed to be the main accomplishment.

Twelve garbage cans were loaned to Everglades Park Co., Inc., and the disposall at the fish cleaning table was removed and loaned to Everglades Park Co., for use in the kitchen. This disposall unit never has been satisfactory for handling fish scraps and scales.

Complaints: Written complaints were received, investigated, and answered regarding derogatory remarks about the Seminoles by a concessioner employee, and canned fruit served in the dining room instead of fresh fruit as billed on the menu. The Indian complaint was justified, and the employee responsible for the remarks is no longer employed by the concessioner. Investigation revealed no real basis for the fresh fruit complaint.

Forest Fire Protection: Powder-dry conditions existed throughout the glades, and almost every day smokes could be spotted all around the horizon. Five statistical and four non-statistical fires kept Park Rangers and Fire Control Aids "on the jump" all month. Alertness and quick suppression action by the Rangers and Fire Control Aids kept most of the fires small. Fire danger has been extremely high, and unless we get some good rains before long we may be due for a "bust" fire.

A new map of the Long Pine Key area showing farm lands and roads was completed by the Fire Patrolman.

Clifford W. Senne
Acting Chief Park Ranger

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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and
FORT JEFFERSON NATIONAL MONUMENT
P. O. BOX 275
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA

May 1, 1939

Memorandum

To: Acting Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Park Ranger, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for April, 1939

General

Weather Conditions: Another dry month has resulted in lowered water tables to the point of near drought conditions. Cape Sable Prairie at the end of the month was drier than it has been for several years. Little sweet fresh water remains in any of the headwaters streams. Rain fell on only one day at Flamingo, two days at Key Largo.

Observations were recorded as follows:

	Maximum	Minimum	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Precipitation
Flamingo	87°	54°	83.3°	66.3°	.41 in.
Key Largo	88°	58°	33.0°	71.6°	.95 in.

Small craft warnings were displayed on two days at Flamingo for twenty-one hours. They were displayed three days at Key Largo.

Increase or Decrease in Travel: Travel via automobile decreased, but boat travel and related activities set an all time record. Mosquitoes played an important part in limiting campground use which was as follows:

Flamingo Campground -	(trailers)	113
	(tents or other)	187
	Total Visitor Days	636
Lostman's River Area Wilderness Camping	Total Visitor Days	36
Florida Bay Area Wilderness Camping	Total Visitor Days	10
GRAND TOTAL CAMPER VISITOR DAYS		682

Overnight visitors at the motel numbered 1896.

Boat Travel: Visitor days spent at some type of boating activity increased some 06 % over last month in spite of a general decrese in travel. Favorable weather, good fishing and perhaps increased interest by Miami and Homestead area residents contributed to the greatest amount of traffic ever recorded in the District. A breakdown of the various types of use is as follows:

Flamingo	Rental boats	229,	Visitor days	670
Flamingo	Sightseeing trips	307,	Visitor days	3498
Flamingo	Ramp boats	700,	Visitor days	2450
*Flamingo	Slip rentals	34,	Visitor days	319
Flamingo	Charter boats	86,	Visitor days	321
*Lostman's R.	Boats observed	48,	Visitor days	144
*Florida Bay	Boats observed	787,	Visitor days	2361
*Other	(estimated)	278,	Visitor days	835
	GRAND TOTAL	2469,	Visitor days	10598

(*) First entrance by boat - 1147 boats, 3659 visitor days.

Visitors: People of note visiting the District were:
Mr. William O Douglas - Associate Justice, Supreme Court
Mr. Ralph C. Morrill - Chief Preparator in zoology, Peabody Museum
Mr. Albert Pfluger - world largest fish taxidermist, Miami, Florida
Mr. Vern O. Williams - reporter, Miami News
Mr. Don Erskin, - Division of Interpretation, WASO
Mr. Gunnar Fagerlund - Division of Interpretaion, WASO
Lt. Hamilton - Captain of the Port, Key West Coast Guard Base
Mr. Dick Holder and wife - Ranger, Theodore Roosevelt N. M.
Dr. Owre - Professor of Zoology, University of Miami
Count Leppen - Belgian Count.

A group pf twenty-one executive geologists from Shell Oil Company were taken on a one day tour of Florida Bay by Herb Alley of "The Keys."

Special Activities: Sub-District Ranger Winte attended the Key Largo Civic Club panel discussion on the controversial spear fishing regulation. He also attended meetings in connection with the subject at the Upper Keys Conservation Council and Key Largo voters meeting.

Ranger Larson and Caretaker Kearney are nearing completion of the current Power Squadron Course in Navigation and Small Boat Handling.

Miscellaneous: The Larson family have finally become settled in a spacious house with lots of room at Pine Island. The only complaint Paul and Nancy now have is that they have little time to spend together in their new home.

The Rod and Reel Club "lived it up" for a weekend at Flamingo.

Administration

Personnel: Maintenanceman Elmer Hampton resigned and was terminated the last day of the month. No replacement has been hired.

Safety and Health: The most common source of injury continues to be puncture by catfish barbs. Two cases occurred during the month. One visitor suffered an eye injury when he hit his head on an automobile doorpost. No concessioner or NPS employee injuries occurred.

Three boat rescue operations by rangers were conducted. Two rescues were required because of motor failure, and one charter boat was pulled in when it ran out of gas. Everglades Park Company employees rescued two boats. One yacht missed the channel into Flamingo and had to be pulled out of the mud.

The quarterly inspection of emergency and first aid equipment was made, and dificiencies noted were corrected except replacement of one first aid kit.

The Park Safety Committee inspected the Flamingo area.

One minor automibile accident occurred. A truck backed into a guy wire.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: US Coast Guard personnel were given transportation to Little Shark River to repair the navigation light there.

Two border patrolmen were in the Flamingo area acquainting themselves with the country and surveying possibility of illegal entry through the Park.

All radios were closed down for an hour during a Conelrad alert.

The Florida Bay Sub-District Ranger was accompanied by a State Conservation Officer on two boat patrols into the Park.

Cooperating Non-Governmental Agencies: The Audubon Society moved their boats out of Bear Lake for the summer. Jack Best, Audubon Society, took one of the boats to Duck Rock for the summer "stake out" there. Tours from the Keys into Florida Bay have also been discontinued.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Interpretive Facilities: The Humes and Black shell collections have been moved to Flamingo for storage and safe keeping.

Interpretive Services: Boat-A-Cade participation by visitors increased. Five boat-a-cades with a total of 37 boats and 128 people were made. One special boat-a-cade was conducted for a Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla.

√Reduced manpower in the Naturalist Division limited auto-cades to

eight with 148 people in 41 cars attending. Twenty one evening programs (two by rangers) attracted 661 people.

General Publicity: Four tape recordings were made of an interview with Sub-District Ranger Shaw by an NBC correspondent for Radio "Monitor" concerning the Boat-A-Cade.

An article on Justice Douglas' trip to the Park appeared in the Miami Herald and Miami News . Justice Douglas stayed a couple days at Lostman's River.

Public Relations: Good catches of unusually large trout and bonefish in Florida Bay by local fishermen, Keys guides and Flamingo charter boats have been of tremendous value as a practical demonstration of conservation values. It is generally accepted the protection of the bottom against drag seining etc. is directly responsible for the numerous big fish, and many of the skeptics have had a change of heart toward the Park. "Spreading the word" to the public offers an excellent opportunity to promote public relations.

Research and Observation: Crocidiles have been observed on four keys in Florida Bay and at three places along the lower mainland. Three completed crocidile nests have been found. Three crocidiles captured by State Wildlife Officers on Key Largo were relesed in the Park.

Work on the tree snail research project was discussed and planned by Sub-District Ranger Winte and Park collaboraters.

Bird observations of note were mostly in the headwaters regions. Large concentrations of ibis, egrets, herons and white pelicans have consistently been seen at the headwaters of the Shark and Broad Rivers. All rookeries appear to be in good shape. Young birds at East River and Cuthbert are nearly ready to vacate. the number of nesting adults has increased at Rookery Branch. Coots and bluebills in West Lake have begun their spring migration. A few still remained at the end of the month. As many as 400 man-o-war birds have beenseen at Porjoe Key. Almost complete lack of water on the Cape Sable Prairie has resulted in a sparce population of birds there. The five flamingos in Snake Bight wander around Florida Bay somewhat but always seem to return to the bight. Cattle egrets have become common residents around the grounds at Flamingo.

Concentrated "gator" patrols have revealed few gators outside of Rookery Branch and the inland lake country around Cuthbert. The "poachers" have done a fair job of cleaning them out.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Commercial fishing has been rather light until the trout began to move into Florida Bay towards the end of the month. Most commercial stonecrabbing was discontinued well in advance of closing of the season. Practically no activity has emanated from Sandy Key through the month, but a commercial operator has taken up residence on Lower Arsnicker Key. He has been ordered off the key.

Vandalism for the month amounted to moving channel markers to locations away from channels so that boats would be guided onto mud banks.

One court case was heard. A plea of guilty was entered for driving w/o valid drivers lisence. No sentence was imposed. Warning violations were issued for reckless boat operation and stop netting. Insufficient evidenc negated the possibility of issuing summons in both cases. One verbal warning was made for excessive speed by boat.

A robbery at the Flamingo dining room resulted in the loss of 1363 dollars by the Everglades Park Company. A cash box was forced open, though all outside doors were locked. It appears to be an inside job. The case is now under investigation by the FBI.

Attempted breakin at the Lostman's River Patrol Station power house resulted in damage to the door, but no other damage was done, and the door has been repaired. At another time five gallons of oil left at the Station by fishermen was taken.

Government property (one refrigerator) was stolen from Gas, Oil Products Inc. where it had been taken for repair. The stolen item was replaced by the gas company.

Concentrated efforts to eliminate, or at least curtail, known gator poaching activities has required much night patrol work. Some 154 man hours (night) have been expended, much of it voluntary overtime. Although, unfortunately, no violators have been apprehended, many contacts made have undoubtedly been of value.

District ranger personnel accompanied the Park Pilot on three flights. Total patrol mileage for the month was as follows:

Vehicle	2867
Boat	2521

Concessioners: The garbage disposal unit from the fish cleaning table at the Flamingo ramp was removed, and by receipt of property, was loaned to the Everglades Park Company for use in the kitchen. Twelve garbage cans were likewise loaned to the Company.

Mediocre sanitary conditions at the concessioner kitchen improved somewhat toward the end of the month.

Mr. Robert K. Knight, President, Everglades Park Company, Inc. spent the last few days of the month at Flamingo reorganizing operations for the summer season. Reducing the labor force seems to be the big objective.

Maintenance: Boat maintenance consisted of repairs to MFG remote controls, setting up generator on Prowler, installing fire extinguisher rack on Prowler and repair of two outboard motors. The Higgins is in bad need of caulking and hull repair work. Will the boat sink, or will the new ways be completed first? It's a matter of conjecture.

Radio repairs were required on two mobile sets and on both stationary sets at Flamingo and Lostman's River. The radio at Lostman's is not back in service yet.

Sievers Landscaping Co. has replanted several dead palm trees and reseeded several grassed areas in the Flamingo area according to their guarantee.

Cleaning up of dirt mounds around palm trees has taken much time of the District Maintenance Staff. The summer mosquito fogging operation has begun on full scale, and hours of duty have had to be changed to work it into the schedule.

Half the comfort stations in the Campground and Picnic Ground have been closed for the summer to reduce the work load there as much as possible.

Complaints: Written complaints were received, investigated and answered regarding derogatory remarks about the Seminoles by a concessioner employee and canned fruit served instead of fresh fruit as appears on the menue in the dining room. The "Indian" complaint was determined to be justifiable, and the person responsible is no longer employeed. Investigation revealed no real basis for complaint on the "fresh fruit".

Forest Fire Protection: Three non-statistical fires burned within the mangrove line. All were belisved to be of incendiary origin in connection with "gator poaching."

Ernest J. Borgman
District Park Ranger

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JUN 8 1959
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NATIONAL PARK

June 4, 1959

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades National Park

From: Acting Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report of Ranger Activities, May 1959

General:

Weather Conditions: Drought conditions prevailed during the first two weeks of the month, and then the first of the summer rains began. Tropical storm "Arlene", although bypassing the State was responsible for most of the precipitation.

Water levels throughout the glades began to rise somewhat, easing the critical fire situation which has existed since March.

The water level gauge at Taylor Slough read 2.74 feet, compared with 0.75 feet for April. The reading in May 1958 was 4.20 feet.

Small craft warnings were displayed 17 hours at Flamingo and 27 hours at Key Largo.

The following is a weather summary for the Park:

Station	Max. Temp.	Av. Max.	Min. Temp.	Av. Min.	Precipitation
Royal Palm	90°	86.2°	54°	65.6°	10.44"
Flamingo	89°	78.0°	58°	69.4°	6.86"
Tamiami	94°	88.0°	58°	66.2°	10.84"
Key Largo	88°	84.6°	67°	75.1°	9.79"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: A total of 33,933 visitors entered the Park in May. Of this number 28,602 came by car, 5,114 by boat, and 217 by bus. These figures reflect a decrease of 6,181 under the May 1958 figure of 40,114 visitors.

All states, with the exception of Wyoming, were represented. Also represented were four Canadian provinces, and the following foreign countries: Germany, England, Puerto Rico, France, Japan, Sweden, West Indies, Venezuela, Australia, Bermuda, Ecuador, Cuba, Denmark, Israel, Colombia, Italy, Turkey, Mexico, Ireland and Holland.

Total boat travel dropped off compared to last month, although travel in Florida Bay set an all time record. Improved fishing in Park waters compared to non-Park waters along the Florida Keys was certainly a contributing factor.

Visitors:

Mr. Clint, Director of Information and Education, USFS, Washington

Mr. George Carley, USPHS, Atlanta, Ga.

Prof. and Mrs. Hendrix, U. of Idaho

Prof. Eugene Clark, Washington State U.

Mr. Larry Hughes, USWB, Tallahassee

Mr. Pardue, USWB, Miami

Special Activities: The flag was flown four days at half-staff as a mark of respect to the memory of the late former Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles.

Final recommendations were made by the Park Sign Committee for signing of the Flamingo area.

Collection of entrance fees for commercial passenger-carrying vehicles was authorized.

Heavy rains curtailed land clearing operations by private operators at the end of the Ingraham Highway in the "Hole-in-the-Doughnut".

Drilling for oil by the Commonwealth Oil Co. continues at the well site north of the Tamiami Trail. It is rumored that a depth of 9,000 feet has been reached.

Miscellaneous: Elson R. Lewis, father of Robert and Jack Lewis died in St. Stephen S. Carolina. E. J. Senne, father of Clifford Senne, died in Baldwin, N. Y.

Administration:

Personnel: FCA J. R. Whitehouse spent two weeks with Ranger Evenson in the Lostmans River area on a preassignment orientation tour.

The Tamiami Subdistrict Ranger was assigned as Ranger-in-Charge of the Gulf Coast District, with headquarters at Everglades, Fla. The Fort Jefferson Supervisory Park Ranger has also been temporarily detailed to the Gulf Coast District.

The Ranger-in-Charge of Wildlife Research was terminated at Royal Palm Subdistrict and returned to Tamiami Subdistrict.

Safety and Health: Five personal injuries were reported. Four visitors and one concessioner employee were involved and none of the injuries was serious.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with Other Federal State or Local Agencies: The Department of Agriculture Screwworm Control Team working in the Flamingo area located a house trailer used for laboratory purposes at the concessioner trailer area. Space has been made available for the USDA boat at the NPS Utility Basin. The screwworm program is also being carried on in the Glades District.

A Florida State conservation officer accompanied the Florida Bay Subdistrict Ranger on a patrol from Flamingo to Key Largo.

A U. S. Border Patrolman accompanied the Cape Sable Park Ranger on a day and night patrol in the Shark River country.

Cooperation Non-Governmental Agencies: Penn State University representative Phil Dolson inspected equipment at Flamingo and inquired regarding the use of the old Coot Bay Ranger Station this summer in connection with peat deposit research in the Shark River Section of the Park.

Operations:

Protection and Ranger Service: One case was tried by the U. S. Commissioner This was for the possession of firearms in the Park. The defendent pleaded guilty, was fined $100 (suspended), and his gun confiscated. Two other men, cited in for the same offense, did not appear. The Commissioner issued warrants for their arrest.

Two cases of vandalism were investigated during the month. One involved signs and the other was the smashing of a trash can and lid at the Royal Palm Visitor Center.

Other violations, handled with warnings were as follows:

Speeding 1

Reckless operation or speeding of boats, several

Removal of plant material - 1

Disorderly conduct - 1

Two boat rescues were effected by Park Rangers in the Cape Sable Subdistrict. One boat was in distress when it ran out of fuel off East Cape, and the other boat carrying EMP personnel doing biological research on loggerhead turtles, got caught in small skiffs in a sudden storm off Cape Sable. Both parties were safely returned to Flamingo.

All water gauging stations in the Park were serviced during the month.

A samll canal was hand dug by Ranger personnel in back of the Tamiami Ranger Station. This enables airboats to be fueled directly from the tank, and also serves to conceal the airboat from the road.

Coinciding with the termination of the Cuthbert Rookery boat trips, Cuthbert Lake was closed to all visitors. The launching site at West Lake was opened to public use.

A commercial fisherman who had taken up residence at Lower Arsnicker Key complied with instructions to vacate the key.

All NPS boats at Flamingo were moved to the new boat shelter at the utility basin.

The following is a summary of patrol mileages for the month:

Automobile	12,757
Boat	1,725
Airplane	3,400
Airboat	85
Glades Buggy	0
TOTAL	17,967

Aircraft Activities: Fourteen flights were made during the month, totaling thirty-four hours and covering 3,400 miles. Accomplishments are summarized as follows: Scouted and checked three fires; observed stop netting operation (no action taken since operation was on privately-owned shoreline); Gulf Coast beaches checked for turtle crawls; rookeries at Cuthbert Lake, East River and Shark River photographed; found abandoned skiff, Caluса Key;

flight to photograph Taylor Slough and Jimmie Tiger Indian village; flew Florida Saltwater Fisheries Officer to check for crab and crawfish traps along Park boundary; routine wildlife, fishing and boating observations made on most flights.

Concessioners: The concessioner reduced the labor force at Flamingo to an absolute minimum. Sub-standard service to visitors has resulted from this curtailment of help.

The driftboat "Juniper" terminated its service because of lack of customers.

Complaints: One written complaint was received regarding mishandling of a visitor's fish. The visitor was contacted personally by the District Ranger, and an attempt to reconcile a misunderstanding was made.

Forest Fire Protection: Two fires occurred in the Glades District. Both were along the Tamiami Trail, and both were suppressed while still small. Rains in the middle of the month helped to alleviate critical fire conditions.

Clifford W. Senne
Acting Chief Park Ranger

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To : Acting Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From : District Park Ranger, Glades District

Subject : Monthly Narrative Report for Glades District, May, 1959

General

Weather Conditions

April's drought continued through the first two weeks of May, then the rains came. A total of 10.44 inches fell at Royal Palm and 10.84 inches at Tamiami, mostly in the last 15 days of the month. The water in Taylor Slough rose to 2.74 feet. This is still lower than May, 1958 when the level was 4.20 feet.

The temperatures ran about normal with a high of 94 degrees recorded on the 5th and a low of 54 degrees on the 3rd.

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Tamiami	94°	88°	78°	66.2°	10.84"

Increase or Decrease in Travel

For the second month travel ran less than last year. A total of 8,290 vehicles entered the park bringing 28,819 visitors. This compares with 39,894 visitors in April and 32,240 visitors in May, 1958. All states with the exception of Hawaii were represented. Visitors from 52 foreign countries and four American possessions visited the park.

Visitors

Mr. Flint, Director of Information and Education, U. S. Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

Special Activities

Clearing of lands at the end of the Lumsden highway road about the middle of the month did heavy rains. Before the rains, however, Mr. Lommerser cut a road due south from the Lumsden highway one and one half miles. The road is about a quarter of a mile west of the end of the road and extends to the Park line. He also burned off some of this land and has started plowing.

Mr. Hubbard is clearing about 200 acres of pinebrut along the Long Pine for land for farming. Hubbard is reported to be leasing this land for about $35.00 an acre and clearing.

Two meetings of the Fire Safety Committee and one of the High Committee were attended by the District Ranger during the month.

Work on the oil well north of the Trail is continuing at a feverish pace. Drilling is continued 24 hours a day. It is difficult to get accurate information but rumor has it that they have reached a depth of 3,000 feet in their drilling.

Administration

Personnel

Fire Control Aid Gerald Goldenbach was terminated at the end of work on May 29th. Mr. Goldenbach will report for work at Bullsmstone as a seasonal ranger on the 15th.

Fire Control Aid Robert Brown took 8 hours sick leave and 8 hours a annual leave during May.

Effective May 25th, Sub-District Ranger Stokes was assigned as Ranger in charge of the Gulf Coast District with headquarters at Orangedale City. He will continue to live, however, at 40 Mile Bend.

Ranger Whitegate's temporary assignment in the Coral Gate Sub-District was terminated and he will return to Tamiami.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State, or Local Agencies

The screw worm fly trapping program is still being carried on in the district, however, a new man is now in charge of this area.

Interpretive Activities and Development

Research and Observations

Fish in the pond in back of the Twisted Ranger Station died on the 9th and 10th. All fish except pike seemed to be affected. Ranger personnel estimated that them removed 300 pounds of dead fish.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service

One case for possession of firearms was heard before the U. S. Commissioner during the month. The defendant pleaded guilty, was fined $100.00 (suspended), and his gun confiscated.

Two other men cited in for the same offense did not appear. The Commissioner has issued warrants for their arrests.

The District Ranger, Ranger Whitmoyer, and Fire Control Aid Merrihew continued to man the Entrance Station three days a week during May.

Two cases of vandalism were investigated during the month. The sign about 4.6 the Te-ma-Nee entrance road was destroyed, the other was a trash can and top were smashed at Royal Gale Visitor Center.

All water gauging stations in the District were read during the month (P33, 34, 37, and 38).

A small canal was dug by ranger personnel in back of the garage at Twisted Station. The canal enables visitors to be passed directly from the road and they are also hidden from the road.

MONTHLY VISITOR REPORT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
ROYAL PALM DISTRICT

May ,1952

ORIGIN OF VISITORS	Observed Cars	Observed Visitors	Percent
Dade County Florida	2,135	7,472	
Other Florida	451	1,578	
Out-of-State	646	2,261	
Busses	22	317	
Audubon Society	3		
Local	260	1,260	
Total Observed	3,514	12,700	100%
Total Not Observed	4,666	16,031	
GRAND TOTAL	8,180	28,819	

States Not Represented

Wyoming

Long Pine
97

Represented From:

U. S. Territories: Puerto Rico

Canada: Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec

Foreign: Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Germany, France, England, Ireland, Turkey, Israel, Siam, Australia, Brazil, Bolivia

Ralph E. Manucy
District Ranger

MONTHLY VISITOR REPORT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
ROYAL PALM DISTRICT

April ,19 59

ORIGIN OF VISITORS	Observed Cars	Observed Visitors	Percent
Dade County Florida	2,594	9,079	
Other Florida	522	1,827	
Out-of-State	2,040	7,140	
Busses	16	395	
Audubon Society	11	57	
Local Misc.	1,597	5,589	
Total Observed	6,780	24,081	100%
Total Not Observed	4,518	15,013	
GRAND TOTAL	11,298	39,894	

States Not Represented

Alaska

Represented From

U. S. Territories

Canada

Alberta
(British Columbia)
Quebic
New Brunswick
Novia Scotia

Foreign

France
Brazil
Germany
Finland
Chile
Cuba
Poland
Switzerland
Spain
Austria
Holland
Peru
Belgium
Luxenbourg
Thailand
Japan
Columbia
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Camper Days:
Long Pine Key - 116

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To: Acting Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Park Ranger, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for May, 1959

General

Weather Conditions: After the drought first two weeks the summer rains began. The first tropical storm of the season "Arlene", although missing Florida and the Park, was responsible for most of the precipitation. Water tables at the end of the month were at a level high enough to reduce the fire danger to practically zero and relieve the critical ecological situation which had developed.

Weather observations were recorded as follows:

	Maximum	Minimum	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Precipitation
Flamingo	89°	58°	78.0°	69.4°	6.86 in.
Key Largo	88°	67°	84.6°	75.1°	9.79 in.

Small craft warnings were displayed 17 hours at Flamingo and 27 hours at Key Largo.

Increase or Decrease in Travel: A very slow travel month ended with a spurt on Memorial Day week end. Camper use was light due to time of year and mosquitoes.

Flamingo Campground -	(trailers)	44	
	visitors days		90
	(tents or other)	80	
	visitor days		209
	Total Visitor Days		299
Lostman's River Area (wilderness camping)	Total Visitor Days		92
Florida Bay Area (wilderness camping)	Total Visitor Days		90
GRAND TOTAL CAMPER VISITOR DAYS			481

Overnight visitors at the motel numbered 1676.

Boat Travel: Total boat traffic dropped off compared to last month, although travel in Florida Bay set an all time record. Improved fishing in Park waters compared to non-Park waters along the Keys was certainly a contributing factor. Types of boating use were recorded as follows.

Flamingo	Rental boats	182,	Visitor days	475	
Flamingo	Sightseeing trips	195,	Visitor days	1645	
Flamingo	Ramp boats	435,	Visitor days	1522	
*Flamingo	Slip rentals	17,	Visitor days	80	(35 visitors)
Flamingo	Charter boats	51,	Visitor days	171	
*Lostman's R.	Boats observed	36,	Visitor days	108	
*Florida Bay	Boats observed	1213,	Visitor days	3639	
*Other	(Estimated)	416,	Visitor days	1249	
	GRAND TOTAL	2545,		[illegible]	

(*) First entrance by boat - 1682 boats, 5031 visitors

Visitors: People of note visiting the district were:
George Carley - US Public Health Service
Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix - University of Idaho
Eugene Clark - Washington State University
William Pittman- Construction Superintendent in charge of concessioner construction during the development at Flamingo.

Special Activities: The flag was flown four days at half mast in reverence of death of former Sect. of State, John Foster Dulles.

Final recommendations were made by the sign committee for permanent signing of the Flamingo area.

Entrance fees to be charged commercial vehicles were authorized and permits were obtained, but no permits have been sold yet.

Ranger Larson completed the current US Power Squadron Course in Seamanship and Small Boat Handling.

Sub-District Ranger Winte maintained "close touch" with the Upper Keys Conservation Council to keep informed on the controversial spear fishing issue.

Miscellaneous: District Maintenance Supervisor Jack Lewis and wife made an emergency trip to St. Stephen,S. Carolina to attend the funeral of Jack's father who passed away suddenly from a heart attack.

Col. Choate left Flamingo.

Administration

Personnel: Ranger J. R. Whitehouse spent two weeks with Ranger Roy Evenson in the Loatman's River Area on a pre-assignment orientation tour.

Ranger Evenson was transferred to Fort Jefferson National Monument on the 27 th. J. R. Whitehouse EOD, Mangrove District, the 27 th. to replace Evenson. Establishment of the Gulf Coast District resulted in Whitehouse's temporary assignment to the Glades District on the 29 th. At the end of the month both Evenson and Whitehouse were gone.

Safety and Health: Five personal injuries occurred. One concessioner employee suffered a severe ankle strain, and four visitors were slightly injured.

The Coot Bay dump was burned.

Two boat rescues were effected. One rescued party ran out of gas near East Cape Sable. The NPS biological party recording data on loggerhead turtles at Mid le Cape was caught in rough weather with small skiffs. They were assisted in returning to Flamingo.

Building Fire Protection: One Co_2 fire extinguisher was relocated from Coot Bay to the new boathouse.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: The Department of Agriculture Screw Worm Control Team working in the Flamingo area located a trailer house used for labratory purpose at the Everglades Park Company trailer park. Space has been made available to house their boat at the NPS boathouse.

A Florida State Conservation Officer accompanied the Florida Bay Sub-District Ranger on a patrol from Flamingo to Key Largo.

A Border Patrol Officer accompanied Ranger Larson on a day and night patrol in the Shark River country.

Cooperating Non-Governmental Agencies: Pennsylvania State University representative Phil Dolsen inspected equipment at Flamingo and inquired regarding possibility of using Coot Bay facilities again this summer in connection with peat deposit research in the Shark River area.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: One notice of violation warning was issued for speeding. Several verbal warnings were issued for careless handling and speeding of boats in the Flamingo boating.

An outboard motor lost overboard was retrieved by Everglades Park Company employees and turned over to the NPS Lost and Found Department. The owner was located, and the motor was returned.

Wildlife Ranger Whitmoyer, Naturalist Schiffman and Biologist Robertson spent four days at Middle Cape collecting data on Loggerhead Turtle activities. Protection of the turtles was afforded as well as collection of scientific data.

The Flamingo Fleet has been reduced to two skiffs and a cruiser. One of the skiffs cannot be used until repairs are made. The Rigging and Fibercraft were hauled, painted repaired and outfitted for an extended tour of duty, on loan, to the Gulf Coast District. Twin outboards, 10 H.P. were mounted on the Fibercraft. All boats at Flamingo were moved to the new boathouse.

The District Maintenance Supervisor, Mixed Gang Foreman and the District Ranger made an inspection of the Lostman's River Patrol Station to determine needed repairs. A list of materials needed and estimate of time required to do the work was made.

One party with a small Yucca plant was apprehended and warned verbally regarding regulations governing taking plants from the Park.

Coinciding with the termination of the Cuthbert Lakery sightseeing trips Cuthbert Lake was closed to all visitation. The gate across the creek was locked. The launching site at West Lake was opened to public use.

A commercial fisherman who had been in residence on Lower Arsenicker Key complied with instructions to move off the key.

A drunken and disorderly disturbance at the Flamingo Marina was investigated, and the offenders were escorted to their motel room.

A road patrol to middle cape canal was made during the short period it was dry enough to travel the Cape Sable road. Four night boat patrols were made, and four night road patrols were made. Total patrol mileages for the month amounted to:

Vehicle - 2501
Boat - 1735

Six wire bait traps were picked up off Palm Key.

Five Everglades Park Company employees were fingerprinted.

Communication was restored at Lostman's River.

Concessioners: A slow month has resulted in cutting the labor force by the Concessioner at Flamingo to an absolute minimum. The comparatively few visitors often unable to secure adequate service.

The driftboat "Juniper", unable to make a go of it, terminated relations with the Everglades Park Company.

Cuthbert Lake sightseeing trips were discontinued, and hours of operation were reduced at the Marina and Service Station.

The annual stockholders meeting of Everglades Park Company stockholders was held at Flamingo.

Complaints: One written complaint was received regarding mishandling of a visitors fish. The visitor was contacted personally by the District Ranger, and an attempt to reconcile a misunderstanding was made.

A visitor was annoyed but didn't lodge an official complaint about having a boat and motor reserved at the Everglades Park Company Office in Miami for the boat-a-cade and then finding out the boat he had reserved couldn't keep up.

Ernest J. Borgman
District Ranger

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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades National Park

From: Acting Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report of Ranger Activities - June, 1959

General

Weather Conditions: June was "bustin' out all over" with rain, heat, humidity and hight winds--altogether, an unpleasant month. Miami's rainfall topped the all-time record (of 19.54 inches of rain for June, 1942) when more than 20 inches was recorded at the end of the month. On the 17th Miami experienced its worst tornado in 17 years. $1,500,000.00 in property damage was sustained and 50 persons were hospitalized by tornado-caused injuries. This tornado missed the Park, but its side effects were felt.

Extremely high tides at Flamingo deposited seaweed and debris throughout the area, and at Everglades City tides were so high that motor-boats were being run up and down the main street.

Glades water levels were very high, and the water even reached the lower parts of the pinelands. The water level at Taylor Slough read 4.22' compared with 2.74' for May and 4.20' for June, 1958.

Small craft warnings were displayed 9 hours at Flamingo and 18 hours at Key Largo.

The following is a weather summary for the Park:

Station	Max. Temp.	Av. Max.	Min. Temp.	Av. Min.	Precipitation:
Royal Palm	96°	89.8°	67°	70.6°	14.05"
Flamingo	93°	87.1°	69°	73.5°	8.87"
Tamiami	96°	90.5°	70°	72.5°	12.88"
Key Largo	90°	87.3°	72°	77.0°	7.41"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: A total of 28,965 visitors entered the Park in June. Of this number, 24,296 came by car; 4,574 by boat, and 95 by bus. These figures reflect an increase of 5% over the June 1958 figure at 27,656 visitors.

All but three states were represented. Also represented were Puerto Rico, Canal Zone, four Canadian Provinces and the following foreign countries: Cuba, Argentina, Chile, Venezuela, Ecuador, Mexico, China, Australia, Japan, Indonesia, Switzerland, France, Germany, Holland, Sweden and England.

Visitors: Dr. Boonsong Lekugal, Thailand Conservationist
Willard Dilley, Park Naturalist, Mammoth Cave National Park
David O. Karraker, Branch of Natural History, Washington Office
Mr. McDonald, Biologist, USF & WS, Utah
Mr. & Mrs. Haywood, ~~Castillo de San Marcos~~ National ~~Monument~~
Mr. Bailey, Tennessee Dept. of Conservation
Mr. W. L. Jones, Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP
Dr. Robt. Sigafoos, USGS, Washington, D. C.
Mr. Howard Klein, USGS, Miami, Florida
Mr. James Hartwell, USGS, Miami, Florida
Mr. Tom Morgan, Naples Bureau Chief, Miami Herald

Special Activities: The Florida Bay Subdistrict Ranger attended the Upper Keys Conservation Council meeting.

The oil well north of Tamiami Trail has been drilled to a depth of 11,000 feet, and has produced only salt water so far.

Administration

Personnel: Subdistrict Ranger Stokes was assigned to the Gulf Coast District as Acting District Ranger. Supervisory Ranger Evenson was also assigned to this district on detail from Fort Jefferson National Monument.

Safety and Health: Five personal injuries were investigated. One concessioner employee and four park visitors were involved. One automobile accident was investigated. No personal injuries were sustained, but extensive damage to the two cars involved resulted.

Most of the guy wires were removed from the palm trees at Flamingo, eliminating a serious hazard.

An explosion occurred aboard an 18' cabin boat in Park waters near Blackwater Sound when the owner tried to light a stove. The owner and companion were burned and taken to the hospital for treatment. The burned-out hulk was removed from the Park.

Building Fire Protection: The Annual Building Fire Inspection was made for all buildings in the Park.

An exhaust pit fire occurred at the Flamingo power house.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with Other Federal, State or Local Agencies: United States Coast Guard Commander Quinby inspected the concessioner sightseeing boat "Playmate". Mutual problems of enforcement of Coast Guard regulations were discussed with the Commander by the District Ranger.

Two agents of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, investigated a rumor that untaxed liquor was being shipped to Cape Sable and hauled from there to New Jersey by truck. The investigation revealed there was little liklihood of such an operation.

FBI Special Agent Kelly worked on two cases in the Park. One case concerned the Flamingo Dining Room robbery a couple of months ago, and the other was investigating a break-in and theft of over $1000 worth of radio equipment from the Park airplane.

A USWB representative checked over weather stations at Royal Palm and Tamiami subdistricts.

All water gauging stations in the Park were serviced during the month.

Organizing activities

Organization of Other Federal, State or Local Operations. Certain agencies shall have responsibility for organizing the operations of various "Stations". Normal functions of existing agencies shall be employed wherever possible.

The agency of the Bureau of Electrical Service, Licensed and Unlicensed Stations, specifically assigned to organize the radio stations to operate on their fields and insure that licensed by them. The Electrical Bureau shall be directly responsible to each Governor.

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Interpretive Activities and Developments

General Publicity: The MIAMI HERALD featured two articles about the Orin Fogle's 6-month back country canoe trip through the Park.

The Everglades City boat tour controversy was written up in the Fort Myers and Miami newspapers.

Public Relations: About 40% of the Gulf Coast Ranger's time was devoted to fostering public relations around Everglades and Chokoloskee Island. This is an extremely critical period in the existence of the Gulf Coast District, and if good public relations can be built up and maintained in the Everglades area, most of the battle will have been won. Acting District Ranger Stokes and Supervisory Ranger Evenson have done a fine job in selling the Park to the formerly hostile local residents.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Operations

Four reports of overdue or missing boats were investigated. Two parties in boats were rescued; one report was a falso alarm; and another boat returned to Flamingo before rescue was necessary.

Commercial fishing activity at Sandy Key involved as many as 20 boats at times. Buddy Knowles, previously moved off Lower Arsnicker Key, was also moved off Sandy Key. Commercial bluecrabber Wilson discontinued operations in Joe Bay and Mud Bay.

The Mangrove District Ranger and Acting Chief Ranger met with Don Sullivan in the U. S. Commissioner's office in an attempt to resolve or stop Don's charter-boat service at Flamingo, but no favorable results were obtained. Another meeting was later held to discuss this matter. Robt. Knight, the Commissioner and Acting Chief Ranger participated, but still no concrete results were obtained. The next meeting is scheduled for July, with the U. S. Commissioner, Robt. Knight and Don Sullivan slated to get together and work the problem out definitely.

Rangers of the Mangrove District collaborated on drawing up plans for the development of a system of water trails in the Park.

Night and early morning boat patrols were made to Jewfish Creek and Long Sound landing to check on activities of commercial silver mullet and live bait fishermen.

Three one-day patrols were made to Lostman's River; three boat patrols were made in Western Florida Bay, several patrols of Eastern Florida Bay; and four boat-a-cades were conducted by Park Rangers.

The Glades District Ranger and Supervisory Fire Control Aid gave the Pine Island bunkhouse a good housecleaning after the last of the seasonals left.

The last of the supply of 22,000 trash bags was removed from the old Fire Cache and stored in the new warehouse.

Since the Gulf Coast District has been manned there have been no reports of bird shooting. This is very encouraging, as bird slaughters have been commonplace in that area for years.

For the first time in several months there were no cases of vandalism in the Royal Palm Subdistrict. This could be attributed to the fact that a night patrolman (2:00 PM - 11:00 PM) was on duty three nights a week.

The following is a summary of patrol mileages for the month:

Automobile	9,945
Boat	1,306
Airplane	3,950
Airboat	318
Glades Buggy	5
Total	15,524

Aircraft Activities: Seventeen flights were made during the month, totaling thirty-nine and one half hours and covering 3,950 miles. Accomplishments are summarized as follows: Counted turtle crawls on Cape Sable beaches for wildlife studies (total of 61 crawls observed on both flights); observed boat, thought to be dragging for oysters, in Gulf Coast District. Upon investigation it was found this boat had been dragging for small conch shells, still an illegal procedure, and the operator was so warned by the Gulf Coast Ranger. Two searches for lost or overdue boats; four flights with Field Research Biologist for Great White Heron census; investigated and scouted two fires; found abandoned skiff in Florida Bay. The hangar at South Dade Farms airstrip was broken into on the night of June 20 and the thieves removed all of the radio equipment from the Park aircraft and about 85 gallons of aviation gasoline from the Park storage tank. A second break-in occurred on the night of the 29th but no loss was sustained by the Park. The FBI is investigating these break-ins.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities: The wildlife ranger completed and submitted a very comprehensive report on the fish management problem at Royal Palm.

Concessioners: There is still room for much improvement in the concession operation at Flamingo. Numerous verbal complaints, as well as written ones, were lodged. Four concessioner boats sank at the dock because no one bothered to pump rainwater out of them. One of the large sightseeing boats was badly damaged when it filled with rainwater. Life preservers and other gear, belonging to the concessioner have been ruined due to lack of care. Weekly safety and sanitation inspections reflected generally worsening conditions, and service to the public continued to be sub-standard.

Complaints:

One visitor complained that he could not secure service of any kind at the motel one night. Another party complained strongly about sanitary and mechanical conditions of houseboats as well as misrepresentation by the Miami office. The complaints were brought to the attention of the Resident Manager at Flamingo. The houseboat user's money was refunded, but little was done regarding the first complaint. As the weather gets warmer, verbal complaints regarding lack of drinking fountains at the Visitor Center become more numerous.

Forest Fire Protection: One fire, non-statistical, burned 320 acres within the mangrove zone near Otter Creek. The fire was caused by a lightning strike. Heavy rains throughout the Park brought an end to the fire danger. The entire glades area and parts of the pinelands are under water. The fire equipment from the Tamiami Trail was brought to Pine Island for summer storage. As part of the Long Pine Key Experimental Controlled Burning Project, a fire break around the last large area of pine (Block D) was begun. Because of rising water levels in the area, work on the fire-break was temporarily discontinued. The Fire Cache was given a general cleaning and all unserviceable items turned in for survey.

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Acting Chief Park Ranger

Type: Fire Protection: One fire, conventional, rotary jet
wood trucks ten minutes room open (Open Head. The fire not needed by a
lightning strike. Every valve sheepdown the fire hydrant as well in the
fire department. The water cleaning area and parts of the pipelines are water. The fire equipment fire the boiling fuel, or freight to fire
Island for engine storage. In part of the long fire to conventional
Controlled heating freight, a fire break engine the fuel pump area of
pipe (Check 5) and water. Because of rolling water tanks to the area,
work as the Firefighter was Compressed. Discontinued. The Fire Tanks
may give a general flooding and all construction. Some burned in fuel
mixes.

Clifton A. Beer

Acting Chief Executive

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To : Acting Chief, Land Survey, Everglades National Park

From : District Ranger, Flamingo District

Subject : Monthly Narrative Report for Glades District, June, 1959

General

Weather Conditions

Wet humid summer weather arrived about the middle of June. Rainfall at Royal Palm was 14.05 inches and 12.08 inches at Tamiami. Water covered the glades and parts of the lower pineland. The water level at Taylor Slough road 4.2 feet compared with 3.74 feet for May and 4.20 feet for June, 1958.

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Increase or Decrease in Travel

June travel was somewhat less than that of June, 1958. This month 17,392 visitors entered the park compared with 20,712 for 1958. This is a decrease of 4.2%.

Visitors from all but three states (Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota) visited the park. Persons from 17 foreign countries and four Canadian provinces were in the Park during June.

Visitors

Mr. [illegible] Jones and family, Supervisory [illegible] Ranger, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

Dr. Robert Sigafoos, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Howard Klein, U. S. Geological Survey, Miami, Florida

Mr. James H. Hartwell, U. S. Geological Survey, Miami, Florida

Mr. J. B. Reark, Dr. Burton P. Hunt, and Dr. Strohlicker, all of the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

Special Activities

Last reports on progress of the oil drilling activities north of the Trail are that a depth of 11,700 feet has been reached. To date no oil, just salt water.

Ranger Whitmoyer completed and submitted an extensive report on the fish problem at Royal Palm.

Administration

Personnel

June was the last month of the official fire season and fire control aids were separated as follows:

Robert L. Brown	June 3
David T. Foster	June 14
* William B. Whitney	June 27
* Ralph E. Johnston	June 27

* Both Whitney's and Johnston's leave will extend into next month.

James R. Whitehouse was assigned to temporary duty in the Royal Palm Subdistrict. His duties for the month consisted of Entrance Station two days a week and night patrol the remaining three days.

Leave taken by district personnel was as follows:

James R. Whitehouse	44 hours sick leave
Ralph D. Maxwell	8 hours annual leave

Building Fire Protection

The Annual Building Fire Inspection was made in the District during June. A total of 36 buildings were checked for hazards.

The District Ranger assisted the Acting Chief Ranger by preparing the Annual Building Fire Inspection Report for the park.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with Other Federal, State, or Local Agencies

A representative of the Weather Bureau checked over station in the District. Mr. Myers inspected both the Royal Palm and Paradise installations. He reported that each was in good shape and operating correctly.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service

All water gauging stations in the District (P33, P34, P37, P38) were read the last of the month. Water conditions were high enough that all could be checked by airboat.

Fire Control Aid Guardipee and the District Ranger cleaned up the bunkhouse after all personnel using it had gone. An accumulation of trash of the past several years was thrown out. All doors were locked with only Maintenance Supervisor Liles having the key. It is recommended that janitor service be furnished next year with an increase in rent to cover the cost.

The last of the supply of 27,000 trash sacks was removed from the old fire cache. These were stored in the new warehouse.

The District Ranger, Ranger Whitmyer, and Fire Control Aid Hawkins manned the Entrance Station three days a week throughout the month. Starting the first of July, the station will be manned only on Saturdays and Sundays.

Patrol mileage was as follows:

Truck	5,385 miles
Airboat	318 "
Rubber Boat	5 "
	5,708 miles

The District Ranger accompanied Messrs. Parker, O'Dell, and Ward on a trip to the Palm Beach Air Base to look over surplus equipment.

Chief Ranger Nelson's furniture arrived in the park on the 24th. Fire Control Aid [illegible] supervised the unloading of the furniture.

The District Ranger attended a meeting on law enforcement problems for the Gulf Coast District.

For the first time in several xxxxx months, there were no cases of vandalism noted in the area. This could be attributed to the fact that a night patrolman (2:00 to 11?00 PM) was on duty three nights a week.

A Board of Survey meeting held during June took action on several priority items turned in from the District. One [redacted] acted upon was the recently acquired fire truck transferred from Colonial. This piece of equipment was unserviceable upon arrival and the expense of putting it in usable shape was considered prohibitive.

Forest Fire Protection

On June 29th, a non-statistical fire was started by lightning at the head of Otter Creek. The fire was investigated by plane and found to be in the mangroves and considered safe.

Heavy rains in the district during the month brought an end to our fire danger. The entire [illegible] some [illegible] parts of the pinelands very under water.

The fire equipment from the Tamiami Trail was brought to Pine Island for summer storage on the 24th.

A fire brake around the last large area of pine was started. With the use of the Fark bulldozer, a scouting line was cut around the area. A contract was made with a local operator to rock plow the line, however, because of high water (three feet in some places), this operations had to be called off.

The fire cache was given a general cleaning and all unserviceable items turned in for survey.

MONTHLY VISITOR REPORT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
ROYAL PALM DISTRICT

June ,1959

ORIGIN OF VISITORS	Observed Cars	Observed Visitors	Percent
Dade County Florida	1,087	3,804	
Other Florida	256	896	
Out-of-State	527	1,844	
Busses	4	25	
Audubon Society	0	0	
Local - Miscellaneous	136	651	
Total Observed	2,010	7,220	100%
Total Not Observed	4,906	17,101	
GRAND TOTAL	6,966	24,391	

States Not Represented

Nevada
New Hampshire
North Dakota

Represented Given From

U. S. Territories
Puerto Rico
Canal Zone

Canada
British Columbia
Newfoundland
Ontario
Quebec

Foreign
Bermuda
Cuba
Argentina
Chile
Venezuela
Equador
Mexico
Australia
China
Japan
Indonesia
Switzerland
France
Germany
Holland
Sweden
England

Campers Cars
Long Pine Key

Tent	51
Trailer	5
Total	56

Ralph D. Maxwell
District Ranger

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General

Weather Conditions: A very wet month. Water levels raised above normal. Spring tides and strong SW winds resulted in highest tides in several years on the eighteenth. Saltwater vegetation and other floating debris were deposited throughout the Flamingo area. Several palm and mahogany trees were blown down at Flamingo.

Weather observations were recorded as follows:

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Small craft warnings were displayed 9 hours at Flamingo and 18 hours at Key Largo.

Increase or Decrease in Travel: Several days of inclement weather curtailed traffic somewhat. Mosquitoes played their part in keeping campers to a minimum.

Flamingo Campground	housetrailers	26,	visitor days	68
	tents or other	108	visitor days	329
Lostman's River Area (winderness camping)			visitor days	50
Florida Bay, Whitewater Bay (wilderness camping)			visitor days	147
	TOTAL CAMPER VISITOR DAYS			594

Other overnight:

Aboard private boats	Cape Sable Subdistrict	45 boats,	236 visitor days
	Florida Bay Subdistrict	109 boats,	571 visitor days
Rental houseboats		58 boats,	640 visitor days

TOTAL OTHER OVERNIGHT (including Flamingo slip rentals) 254 boats, 1744 visitor days

Boat Travel: A Ft. Lauderdale Power Squadron rendezvous at Flamingo boosted boat travel a little. Traffic for the month remained about the same as the previous month, however. It was almost 50% above the same month last year.

Flamingo	Rental skiffs and houseboats	262, Visitor days	1210
Flamingo	Sightseeing trips	153, Visitor days	1628
Flamingo	Ramp boats	431, Visitor days	1508
*Flamingo	Slip rentals	42, Visitor days	297
Flamingo	Charter boat trips	27, Visitor days	121
*Lostman's R.	Boats observed	40, Visitor days	148
*Florida Bay	Boats observed	1045, Visitor days	3135
*Other	(estimated)	365, Visitor days	1094
	TOTAL	2365	9141

*First entrance by boat - 1492 boats, 4674 visitor days.

Visitors:

Mr. Willard Dilley - Chief Park Naturalist, Mammoth Cave National Park

Mr David Karraker - Branch of Natural History, WASO.

Mr. MacDonald - Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bear Lake Refuge, Utah.

Mr. L. R. Livesay - Bureau of Internal Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Div.

Mr. Paul Hendrix - " " "" " " " " "

Dr. Boonsong - Naturalist and Thialand Park Promoter, Bangkok, Thialand

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood - Castillo de San Marcos N. M.

A group of engineers from the Corps of Engineers and Southern Florida Flood Control District visited the Park and stayed overnight at Flamingo.

Special Activities: Sub-district Ranger Winte attended the Upper Keys Conservation Council meeting at Islamorada.

Visitors:

Administration

Personnel: Sub-district ranger Shaw departed for a vacation in California on the 11th.

Safety and Health: Five personal injuries were investigated. Two were fishhook punctures, a common cause of injury. One concessioner employee and four visitors were involved.

One automobile accident was investigated. No personal injuries resulted, but considerable damage occurred to the two cars involved.

Four reports of overdue or missing boats were investigated. Two boats were rescued; one report was a false alarm; and another boat returned to port safely before rescue was necessary.

A lost gentleman, John C. Kapuscinski, wandered into the Flamingo Campground claiming to have been lost in the swamp four days. His tale of woe was a little farfetched, but the mosquitoes had worked on him some. After indulging a little too much he had walked out onto the Cape Sable prairie "to look for a boat to Cuba", exact time unknown.

Most of the supporting wires were removed from the palm trees at Flamingo, and a serious hazard has been reduced.

An explosion occurred aboard an 18' cabin boat in Park waters off Blackwater sound when the owner tried to light a stove. Owner and companion were burned and taken to hospital for treatment. The burned out hulk was removed from the Park.

Building Fire Protection: The annual building fire hazard inspection of all buildings in the district was completed. Recommendations to correct certain deficiencies were made. Some have been complied with; others will be.

Another exhaust pit fire occurred at the Flamingo Power House.

Miscellaneous

Transport: Motor-driven Pumper [illegible] to Station 2 [illegible] delivery on the line.

Safety and Health: Five persons injured were investigated. One [illegible] by [illegible] process, a common cause of injury. [illegible] equipment [illegible] two visitors were involved.

The automobile accident was investigated. No personal injuries involved, but considerable damage occurred to the cab [illegible] involved.

Four reports of overdue or missing books were investigated. The books were returned; one report was a false alarm and neither book involved [illegible] book added before records was discovered.

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[illegible] of the [illegible] items were removed from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and a serious hazard [illegible] removed.

An explosion occurred about [illegible] were seen in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] area when the owner tried to light a stove. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] were served and taken to hospital for treatment. The [illegible] [illegible] removed from the [illegible].

Routine Fire Protection: The annual [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of all [illegible] in the district was completed. [illegible] to owners [illegible] [illegible] were made. Some have complied with others will be [illegible] another [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible].

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or local Agencies: Commander Quinby, U. S. Coast Guard, made an out of water inspection of Concessioner sightseeing boat PLAYMATE. Mutual problems of enforcement of Coast Guard regulations were discussed with the Commander by the District Ranger.

Two gentlemen, Mr. Livesay and Mr. Hendrix, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Div., investigated rumor that untaxed liquor was being shipped to Cape Sable and hauled from there by truck to New Jersey. Investigation revealed there was little likelihood of such an operation.

Further information was obtained by FBI Agent Kelly in connection with the Dining Room robbery a couple of months ago.

The University of Miami Marine Laboratory research project headed by Durbin Tabb is nearing completion. Further work next fiscal year will be contingent upon legislative appropriation.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Shortage of manpower to perform necessary routine and non-ranger services has resulted in little protection and ranger service work being done.

The District Ranger and Acting Chief Ranger met with Don Sullivan in the Commissioners office in an attempt to eliminate Don's Charter Boat Service at Flamingo. No satisfaction was obtained.

Six boys, camped in campground were warned about setting up living quarters in restroom.

Commercial fishing activity at Sandy Key involved as many as 20 boats at times. Buddy Knowles, previously moved off lower Arsnicker Key, was also moved off Sandy Key. Commercial bluecrabber Wilson discontinued operation in Mud and Joe Bay. An individual, reportedly shrimping in the Park, was contacted by Ranger Winte and advised of the regulations. He is being kept under surveillance.

Suggested plans for development of water trails in the Park were submitted to the Superintendent by rangers Shaw, Winte, Larson, Evenson and Borgman.

Ten concessioner employees were fingerprinted.

Night and early morning vehicle patrols were made to Jewfish Creek and Long Sound Landing to check on activities of commercial silver mullet and live bait fishermen. Three one day patrols were made to Lostman's River. Three patrols were made in Western Florida Bay. Four boat-a-cades were led. Two rescues were made. Several patrols were made in Eastern Florida Bay. Total patrol mileages were as follows:

vehicle - 3060

boat - 1096

Operation

Protection and Emergency Service: Shortage of manpower to perform necessary routine and non-emergency services has resulted in little production and emergency service work being done.

The District Ranger and Acting Chief Ranger are also Deputies in the Commissioners office in an attempt to alleviate Dan's Chores and Service at Flagstaff. No satisfaction was obtained.

Air base, camped in campground were warned about working at night and therefore in restroom.

Commercial fishing activity at Stony Ley involved as many as 25 boats at times. Many boaters, previously moved off lower reservoir by, are also moved off Stony Ley. Commercial fishermen fished diagonally across the end and one day. An individual, reportedly charging in the parking lot, was contacted by Ranger Clark and advised of the regulations. He is fishing Ley's under surveillance.

Suggested plans for development of water trails in the park were supplied to the Superintendent by rangers Shaw, Clark, Larson, Swanson and Torgeson.

Two communication repeaters were installed.

Older and worn warning vehicle patrols were made to Deadlen Creek and Long Point Lookout as activities of commercial silver fishermen live bait fishermen. Three new patrols were made to Doolman's River. Three patrols were made in Arizona Flora Ley. Four boat-to-shore were made. Several patrols were made in Arizona Flora Ley.

Other personal attempts were as follows:

Visitor - 300

Other - 400

Concessioners: Undesirable concessioner operation was demonstrated by many incidents. Numerous verbal complaints, as well as written ones, were lodged. Four concessioner boats sank at the dock because nobody bothered to pump rainwater out of them. The whole keelson of a sightseeing boat on the ground was caved in when the boat was allowed to fill with rainwater. Many life preservers, etc. have been ruined due to lack of care. Weekly safety and sanitation inspections revealed progressively worsening conditions. Service to the public paralleled the overall downward trend of operating efficiency.

It was necessary to reprimand the Company for hiring underage employees. One 15 year old boy was employed in the dining room after the dining room manager had specifically been reminded of the employee regulations.

The Resident Manager at Flamingo, EPC, indicated plans are being prepared for a swimming pool and housekeeping cabins.

Complaints: Two written complaints were lodged in regard to concessioner services. One visitor could not secure service of any kind at the motel one night. Another party complained bitterly about sanitary and mechanical condition of houseboats as well as misrepresentation by the Miami Office. Complaints have been brought to the attention of the Resident Manager at Flamingo but it hasn't done much good.

As the weather gets warmer verbal complaints regarding lack of drinking fountains at the Visitor Center become more numerous.

Ernest J. Borgman
District Ranger

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July 10, 1959

Memorandum

To: Acting Chief Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: Acting District Ranger, Gulf Coast District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report, Gulf Coast District - June, 1959

General

Weather Conditions

Weather has been very hot and humid for the entire month. No weather readings are available for the area.

On Thursday June 18, extreme high tides and winds occurred in Everglades. Winds up to 45 m. p. h. accompanied by heavy rains and tides 4' above normal occurred. The entire city of Everglades was covered by salt water with very few high spots left dry. Outboard motors were run up and down the main street of town.

Increase or Decrease in Travel

1046 visitors called at the station during the month. We were out of office about 30% of the time and probably only 50% of the people who came into Everglades stopped at the station. Therefore we estimate about 2700 to 3000 people came into the area by car during the month. This does not include about 1500 who came in with boats or by boat to fish or take a pleasure cruise.

Visitors

Tom Morgan, Naples Bureau Chief, Miami Herald
Mr. Bailey, Tennessee Dept. of Conservation

Administration

Personnel

Supervisory Ranger Roy Evenson was assigned to this district on detail from Fort Jefferson on June 1. Sub-district Ranger Stokes was assigned to this district on detail from Tamiami sub-district on June 1.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

General Publicity

Orin Fogle and wife had articles in the Miami Herald on two Sundays about their trip into the back country of the park.

Boat tour stories were in the Herald and the Fort Myers papers on three occasions. Copies of all were sent into the office.

Public Relations

About 40% of all time during June was spent on public relations around Everglades and Chokoloskee Island. Time was divided among all different types of people. Particular emphasis was placed on talking to commercial fisherman. The boat tour problem also received special attention. General public relations were carried on as other duties were performed.

A card file on the people of this area was started, each card will give dates person contacted and information about them.

Operations

Boat Patrols - Higgins 65 miles. Fibercract 245 miles.

The public relations previously mentioned took much of our time, however about five boat patrols were made, mainly to learn the area, no violations were observed on the trips. No reports of bird shootings have come in since we have been in the area.

Conclusion

Introduction

Chapter One: Overview of Research Methodology

Chapter Two: Literature Review

Chapter Three: Data Collection and Analysis

Overview of Research Methodology

This chapter provides an overview of the research methodology used in this study. It includes a discussion of the research design, data collection methods, and data analysis techniques.

Literature Review

This chapter provides a review of the literature relevant to this study. It includes a discussion of the theoretical framework, previous research findings, and gaps in the literature.

Data Collection and Analysis

This chapter describes the data collection methods used in this study. It includes a discussion of the sample, data collection instruments, and data analysis techniques.

The visitor travel to this area is apparently much larger than had been anticipated. Over half the contacted visitors asked about boat trips. They mentioned seeing the advertising or hearing about the trips, therefore the advertising must be starting to pay off.

On one of our boat patrols an outboard motor caught fire while attempting to start it. It was extinguished with water and no serious damage occurred.

The boat tour question has not been answered. We are still waiting for a decision on what we are going to do.

Richard A. Stokes
Acting District Ranger
Gulf Coast District

Sincerely,
Testing Machine Company
Salt Creek Station

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August 6, 1959

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades National Park

From: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for July 1959

General

Weather Conditions: The weather was about average with daily thundershowers and a cooling trend during the last two weeks. The water table at Taylor Slough dropped to 3.65 feet by the end of the month. It stood at 4.22 feet at the end of June. Small craft warnings were not displayed during the month.

The following is a weather summary for the Park:

Station	Max. Temp.	Av. Max.	Min. Temp.	Av. Min.	Precipitation
Royal Palm	94°	90.4°	69°	71.5°	7.86"
Tamiami	94°	90.0°	69°	74.2°	6.24"
Flamingo	90°	88.0°	70°	74.0°	7.79"
Key Largo	92°	87.4°	71°	76.4°	10.01"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: A total of 31,679 visitors entered the Park in July. Of these 28,124 came by car and 3,555 by boat. These figures reflect a nine per cent increase in travel over the preceding month. This is the first month in which visitors from the Gulf Coast District have been included in the count. A total of 463 visitors were carried by the re-activated sightseeing boats on tours from Everglades, Fla. into the Park.

All states except Arkansas, Nevada, Vermont and Wyoming were represented as well as three Canadian provinces and two U. S. Territories.

Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Reed Bird and family - State Department Council Office, WASO
Mr. Richard H. Stroud, Executive Vice President, Sport Fishing Institute, Washington.
Mr. H. E. Wallace, Biologist, State Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, Tallahassee
Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Caywood, Supt., Ocmulgee N. M.
Drs. Spackman and Dolsen, Penn State U. Research Team
Mr. Arthur W. Collins, Retired NPS, Mt. Rainier N. P.
Mrs. Agnes Hatry, Region V Office
Mr. Robert Giede, State Wildlife Officer
Mr. Charles Mayott, Representative Great Outdoors Publishing Co.

Special Activities: The Commonwealth Oil Co. has stopped drilling and abandoned their site of Coastal Well No. 1. All indications were that no sign of oil was produced.

Miscellaneous: Ralph C. Johnston, Seasonal Fire Control Aid, received a Superior Accomplishment Award of $100.00. He is the first seasonal employee to receive such an award.

A welcoming picnic was held for the Nelsons and the Haffermans.

Administration

Personnel: Roy S. Evenson was relieved of special duty in Gulf Coast District on July 8 and reported to his regular duty station at Fort Jefferson N. M.

J. R. Whitehouse, Jr. was transferred from Glades District to Gulf Coast District effective July 9.

Safety and Health: Three non-serious personal injuries to visitors occurred during the month. Several boat rescues were made; several over-due boats located; one boat pulled off a mud bank; aided in a Coast Guard search and location of an over-due boat, three concessioner boats aided and a derelict boat removed from Basin No. 1 at Flamingo by owner this month.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with Other Federal, State or Local Agencies: The Chief Ranger, Asst. Chief Ranger, and Rangers from Mangrove, and Gulf Coast Districts met with Admiral Kenner, U. S. C. G. and members of his

Visitors: Dr. and Mrs. Carl Dirk and family - Dirk Department Coastal Station, 1920

Mr. Richard C. Conrad, Executive Vice President, Open Prairie Pipeline, Washington.

Mr. H. D. Walker, Division Order Clerk and Treasurer, Pipeline Terminal, Ft. Lauderdale

Dr. and Mrs. Louis D. Conrad, Jupe., Covington, D. C.

Mrs. Spencer Van Buren, Palm Beach 0. Memorial Home

Dr. Arthur T. Collins, Retired USN, Co. Dentist S. F.

Mrs. Agnes Daly, Taylor & Griffe

Mr. Robert Black, Trade Utility Officer

Mr. Charles Edgett, Merchandising Chief Ordnance Pipeline Co.

Special Activities. Mr. Jamieson-Lin Co. Dam dredged drilling and completed daily life of coastal Vail Mr. L. Lit Dedication Wood that is also of oil ore produced.

Dinner/Lecture: Major T. Alcantara, Imperial Fire Chapter 114, received a Special Recognitions award of $10.00. It is the first received religious to Mobile Bay a award.

I welcomed plaits for Hall for the Nelson and Lin Jefferson.

Administration

Personnel: Mr. T. Jamison was relieved of special duty in Gulf Coast District on July 1 and reported to his regular duty station at Port Jefferson N. Y.

J. L. Christmas, Jr. has transferred from Tulsa District to Gulf Coast District effective July 5.

Safety and Health: Three non-critical personal injuries in military service during the month. Several lost training days reported; a Coast Guard person had injuries of an arm-leg Mrs. Dave Kendall's Tools ended was a Dentist Mrs. Thomas from Dentis Mr. I at Theodore by Water this month.

Community Activities

Cooperative with Local Theatre, Drama & Civic Committee: The Chief Engrs. Asst. Chief Engrs. and Engrs Area Engineers, and Gulf Coast District was also Colonel Brown, U. S. C. E. was members of the

staff to discuss various mutual law enforcement problems, applicability of C. G. regulations, new State boating regulations, and make plans for future cooperative associations including the possibility of forming a U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in the Park.

Lt. Drinkwater, U. S. C. G. inspected the concessioner boats at Everglades, Fla. All noted deficiencies have been corrected.

The boat of William F. Brown concession applicant of Chokoloskee Island was also inspected. Most of these deficiencies were structural which are in process of correction.

The University of Miami creel census has gathered momentum with students working as many as three days a week on it. Also, two new projects are now underway, one is on Mangrove Snapper and the second on Barnacles and Oysters.

Drs. Spackman and Dolsen, Pennsylvania State University have returned to continue peat moss studies. There is also another group of peat borers headed by William H. Taft, Stanford University spending ten days in the Whitewater Bay, Shark River, Florida Bay area.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Interpretive Service: The Park Naturalist spent two days at Everglades instructing boat operators of new sightseeing boat concessioner.

General Publicity: A representative of Great Outdoors Publishing Co. spent a day at Flamingo gathering information for publication of a travel map of that section of the Park.

Articles regarding renewal of sightseeing boat trips from Everglades, Fla. appeared in the Miami and local papers.

Research and Observations: Swallow-tailed kites have been observed in the Gulf Coast Ranger Station during the entire month. At least three different records in three different locations were made of Kingfishers. This species is uncommon during the summer months. White Ibis at Duck Rock are approaching the 100,000-mark.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: The Park Entrance Station was manned only on weekends when travel is heaviest.

During the month two portable radios were stolen and recovered. Investigation by the F.B.I. continues.

Due to illness of Jack Best, Audubon Warden stationed at Duck Rock Gulf Coast Ranger personnel took over eight night patrols for him during the month.

Radio interference from Brazilian stations is being checked in Washington.

During the month special emphasis was put on public relations in Everglades, Florida and Chokoloskee Island, though the bulk of the Gulf Coast Ranger's time was spent in cooperation with new sightseeing boat concessioner to assure a good boat tour and adherence to regulations.

Ranger Patrol mileage is as follows:

Boats	1,347 miles
Automobile	7,659 "
Airboat	353 "
Airplane	2,500 "
Glades Buggy	0
TOTAL	11,859 miles

Concessioners: Sammy Hamilton, Jr., Everglades, Fla. was issued a Revocable Concession Permit for sightseeing boat tours for a period of six months.

Everglades Park Co., Inc., has again changed administrative personnel, with Mr. Paul Liebman, former Cashier, now Resident Manager.

Complaints: Only verbal complaints on minor matters were received during the month.

Forest Fire Protection: One non-statistical lightning fire occurred within the Mangrove line. No suppression action was taken.

Richard A. Nelson
Chief Park Ranger

During the week the periodic rhubarb were stolen and recovered.
Investigation by the F.B.I. concluded.

Due to illness of Miss Dare, Audrey Cutler visitioner at Dan.
Both Golf Coast Badger Secretarial Book ever elgn night patrols for his
during the month.

Daily inspections from Brazilia reading is being changed to
Washington.

During the most special employee was put on night relaying
in overglades, Florida and Philadelphia Island. Among the lots of the
Gulf Coast Badger's also was again in cooperative with our eligibility
that necessitator is under a good bond that the activity is negligible.

Badger Postal Balance is as follows:

Beta	1.97 debit
Alphabet	3.00 "
Alpha	.50 "
Virginia	6.90 "
Clarke Badge	.5
Type	11.97 debit

Treasurer: Camp Petition, Co., Washington, Pa. and Local
a Invisible Corporate Bonds for eligibility when there for a period of
six months.

President Pat Co., Pa., an epic charge committee
personnel, with Mr. Pat Lindsay, Chief Justice, for further charge.

Complaints: Only verbal complaints a duty patient were
received during the month.

Forest Fire Prevention: The Semi-Annual Lighting fire
covered within the Keystone Fire. It supervision with the token.

Edmund A. Nelson
Chief Fire Warden

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August 3, 1959

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Ranger, Glades District, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for Glades District - July 1959

General

Weather Conditions

July weather was about average for this time of year with both Tamiami and Royal Palm reporting highs of 94 degrees. The usual afternoon summer thunderstorms activity prevailed over the district. The water table at Taylor Slough has dropped from its near record high of 4.22 feet for June to 3.65 feet by the end of July. By the end of the month, the low pine woods were starting to dry out, they had been submerged earlier.

	Max. Temp.	Mean Max.	Min. Temp.	Mean Min.	Rainfall
Royal Palm	94°	90.4°	69°	71.50°	7.86"
Tamiami	94°	90.0°	69°	74.2°	6.24'

Increase or Decrease in Travel

A total of 8,277 cars carrying 28,124 visitors entered the District during July. This is a decrease of 638 persons or 2.1% from July, 1958's 29,762 visitors. All states except four, Arkansas, Nevada, Vermont, and Wyoming were represented. Visitors from eighteen foreign countries, three Canadian provinces, and two U. S. territories were noted.

Visitors

Mr. Robert Giede, State Wildlife Officer for South Dade County. Mr. Giede is the new appointed officer for this area and replaces Mr. T. W. Trevelyan.

Mr. H. E. Wallace, Biologist, State Game and Fresh Water Fish Comm.

Mr. Richard H. Stroud, Executive Vince President, Sport Fishing Institute

Mr. Louis R. Caywood, Superintendent, Ocmulgee National Monument

Special Activities

The District Ranger assisted in the presentation of an Incentive Awards program. The special tape recording and film strip was given to Headquarters personnel on the 13th and Pine Island personnel on the 14th.

A meeting of the Park Sign Committee was attended in the Superintendent's office on July 22nd.

All papers, notes, etc. that the District Ranger held while acting chairman of the Sign Committee were turned over the Engineer Hafferman.

The Commonwealth Oil Co. has stopped drilling and abandoned the side of their Coastal State Well No. 1. All information indicates that the well did not produce any sign of oil.

Miscellaneous

A picnic welcoming the Nelsons and Haffermans was held at the Chickee on July 24.

Administration

Personnel

Ranger James R. Whitehouse was transferred from the Glades District to the Gulf Coast District on July 9.

Fire Control Aid Ralph Johnston remained on annual leave through July 29.

Fire Control Aid William B. Whitney was kept on annual leave through July. Both of these employees are using up all of their annual leave and will start next fire season with a clean slate.

Fire Control Aid Francis X. Guardipee, Jr. started his annual leave on July 6.

Fire Control Aid Ralph C. Johnston, received a Superior Accomplishment Award of $100.00 for his work. This is the first time that a seasonal employee has received such an award in the Park Sercice.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service

The Entrance Station remained open on weekends. It was manned on the 4th and 5th by Ranger Whitehouse, the remaining weekends by the District Ranger and Ranger Pilot.

Because of lack of personnel, only one inspection of the Tamiami Subdistrict was made by the District Ranger.

The job description for the Royal Palm Subdistrict Ranger was rewritten by the District Ranger in an attempt to reestablish this position.

The Hurricane Plan for the Royal Palm area was revised and rewritten during July.

Publications

Personnel

Ranger James G. relinquished his commission from the Corps
effective to the Fort Coker Electric on the 1.

Fire Control Aid Ralph Jones has been granted leave
through July 15.

Fire Control Aid William S. Hilton has been granted leave
through July. Both of these employees are going on all of their annual
leave and will again next July making 2½ years.

Fire Control Aid Francis X. Courtlope, Jr. thereby is granted
leave on July 6.

Fire Control Aid Ralph C. Peterson, receives a temporary
accomplishment award of $25.00 for his work. This is the first time
that a personnel employee has received such an award in the Park Service.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service

The Entrance Station received open on weekends. It was
manned on the six and two p. Ranger Assistant, the remaining weekends
by the Division Ranger and Senior Clerk.

Persons of Law of Interest, Dept. and Disposition of the
Tenured Establishment was made in the District Ranger.

The Ice Encyclopedia and the Night Time Operations Ranger was
re written by the District Ranger in an attempt to consolidate some duplica-
tion.

The Purchase Plan for the Local Fire area was started and
completion during July.

Sometime around July 20, two park portable radios were stolen from the Fire Cache. The sets were recovered on July 22. Investigation of the incident is being carried on by the F. B. I.

Patrol mileage was as follows:

Truck	4,564 miles
Airboat	353 miles
Total	4,917 miles

Complaints

Several variable complaints were received pertaining to the Royal Palm Visitor Center. Two were by groups that were given improper information about the Naturalist Programs at the station. One was a group of students from the Dade County Summer Program who arrived about noon on the 15, the other was a group from the First Baptist Church on the 22. Both had received information from Park sources that there were talks every day of the week.

Complaints from individual visitors increased during the time when Charlie Adside was on annual leave.

Forest Fire Protection

The non-statistical lightning-caused fires occurred in the District during July. Both fires followed heavy lightning storms and were in the same general area south of the Loop Road but well outside the Park. No suppression was taken on either fire. They were kept under surveillance by the Tamiami Subdistrict Ranger and Ranger Pilot.

All fire equipment and tower generators were operated weekly during the month. It is hoped that running equipment during summer months will keep maintenance cost down at the beginning of the fire season.

Ralph D. Maxwell

Ralph D. Maxwell

MONTHLY VISITOR REPORT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
ROYAL PALM DISTRICT

July ,1950

ORIGIN OF VISITORS	Observed Cars	Observed Visitors	Percent
Dade County Florida	1,216	4,226	
Other Florida	280	1,009	
Out-of-State	627	2,201	
Busses	7	142	
Audubon Society	0		
Local Miscellaneous	22	329	
* Total Observed	2,231	7,917	100%
Total Not Observed	6,046	20,207	
GRAND TOTAL	8,277	28,124	

States Not Represented

Arkansas
Nevada
Vermont
Wyoming

Representation From

U. S. Territories
Puerto Rico
Canal Zone

Canada
Manitoba
Ontario
Quebec

Foreign
Cuba
Costa Rica
Argentina
Peru
Colombia
England
Norway
Sweden
Denmark
Belgium
France
Germany
Switzerland
Austria
Turkey
Italy
Greece
Isreal

Long Pine Key Campground
Tent Campers 51
Trailer Campers 3
54

Cars entering Park between hours 5:00 AM and 8:30 AM
2,535

* Station open only on weekends

Ralph E. Maxwell
District Ranger

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Memorandum

To: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Park Ranger, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for July, 1959

General

Weather Conditions: Weather observations were recorded as follows:

	Maximum	Minimum	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Precipitation
Flamingo	90	70	83.0	74.0	7.73 in.
Key Largo	92	71	87.4	76.4	10.01 in.

Small craft warnings were not displayed during the month.

Increase or decrease in Travel: Travel and overnight visitation increased. Overnight visits were recorded as follows:

OVERNIGHT VISITS:

Accommodations, Concessioner (Flamingo Lodge)		1940
Designated campsites, tents (Flamingo CG)		999
Designated campsites, trailers (Flamingo CG)		19
Undesignated campsites, tents		
Cape Sable	45	
Florida Bay	35	80
Other overnight		
Private boats, Cape Sable	198	
Private boats, Fla. Bay	150	
Rental houseboats, Flamingo	91	
Big Pastels, Flamingo	130	
Commercial fishermen	675	
		1123
TOTAL OVERNIGHT VISITS		3207

Boat Travel: Travel was off a little in Florida Bay, but [illegible] activity continues at Flamingo. Elimination of the Lostman's River boat count has helped to reduce the total figure. Traffic, according to various types was as follows:

Flamingo	Rental craft	151,	people (visits)	[illegible]
Flamingo	Sightseeing trips	146,	"	" 2135
Flamingo	Ranger boats	537	"	" 1220
*Flamingo	Slip Rentals	25	"	" 75
Flamingo	Charter Boats	10	"	" 132
*Fla. Bay	Boats observed	953	"	" 1560
*Cape Sable	Boats observed	55	"	" 203
*Other	(estimated)	[illegible]	"	" 554
	TOTAL	1973		6343

(*) Visits (entry by boat) - 377 boats, 3052 people (visits) ./

Visitors:

Mr. and Mrs. Kaywood and family - Superintendent, Ocmulgee National Monument
Mr. and Mrs. Reed Bird and family - State Department Council Office
Mr. Charles Arnott - Representative, Great Outdoors Publishing Company
Mr. Davis - Miami attorney and former US Commissioner for the Park
Mr. and Mrs Harold Swinson - Mrs Swinson is the daughter of first caretaker of Royal Palm State Park.

Special Activities: Ranger Larson took some pictures of visitor use activities but was unable to get good ones because of lack of visitors.

Administration

Safety and Health: Three personal injuries occurred. All involved visitors. Nature of injuries was not serious in any case.

Quarterly inspection of emergency and first aid equipment was made, and a few minor deficiencies noted were corrected.

A search was made for a reported missing person late at night. The missing colored girl was found fishing at Whipray Basin before search became extensive. Another missing person had left Flamingo en route to Cuba without telling anyone of his intentions. Telephone calls to relatives proved down the whereabouts of the man.

A commercial fisherman was reported missing about 15 hours. Search for him was organized at Flamingo and involved one Park boat, two volunteer parties and the Park aircraft. The man was located near Man-O-War Key and reunited with other members of commercial fishing fleet at Cape Key. Trouble seemed to be motor failure and a little to much liquor.

One concessioner sightseeing boat was towed in when it failed to return from a scheduled trip.

A party of five was towed in after running out of gas near Palm Key.

A man in a [illegible] canoe was rescued off Cape Sable.

One boat was pulled off a mud bank near Flamingo.

Two sight seeing boats ran aground, but rescue action was not necessary.

A Cost Guard search was made in the Park for a boat that turned up anchored at Sandy Key. The Captain had "boozed it up" with some commercial fishermen buddies and failed to return to Greyhound Key at expected time.

A derelict boat was removed from basin # 1 at Flamingo by a concessioner employee, owner of the boat.

Building Fire Protection: Follow up building fire hazard inspection was made in the Cape Sable Sub-District by the Sub-District Ranger. Lack of compliance by the concessioner to remedy dificiencies is going to necessitate another follow up inspection next month.

Cooperative Activites

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: Rangers Shaw, Bergman, Stokes, Asst. Chief Senne and Chief Nelson met with high ranking Coast Guard Officers in Admiral [illegible]'s Office, US Coast Guard Hdqs., Coast Guard District 7. Mutual law enforcement problems in the Park, applicability of Coast Guard regulations, new state boating regulations, etc. were discussed. The conference was a valuable contact with officers of the Coast Guard, and ground work for future cooperative association was layed.

University of Miami creel census project has picked up steam. Students have been working as many as three days per week on it. Two new projects begun by the University are studies on Mangrove Snapper and Barnacles and Oysters.

Dr. Spackman and Phil Dolsen, Pa. State U. , are back again to continue project on peat deposits in Shark River area. They intend to spent two full months in the area this summer.

Another group of peat borers headed by W. H. Taft, Stanford U., spent ten days in the Whitewater Bay, Shark River, Florida Bay area.

Interpretive Activities and Development

General Publicity: Mr. Charles Wyott, representative of Great Outdoors Publishing Company spent a day at Flamingo conferring with shorter boatmen, marine personnel and rangers to obtain information for publication of travel map of the area.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Twenty abandoned crab traps were picked up in Joe Bay.

Two commercial fishermen were discouraged of plans to put blue crab traps in Lake Ingraham and Cane Canals; so far no crabbing has been done, but inadequacy of regulations would allow for this operation which heretofor has never been practiced. A clear cut regulation to prevent such an operation is needed.

A couple of beer parties at the Marina included most of the commercial fishermen from around Sandy Key. Close supervision of the group was necessary

An unconfirmed report of fresh (out of season) stone crabs being served in the Flamingo dining room was received. No evidence of such practice has yet been found, but close surveilance is being maintained.

Buddy Knowles was again warned to keep dogs and cats off Florida Bay Keys.

Captain Watson continues to operate illegal charter service with Don Sullivan's boat. Don has removed one of the two boats he had at Flamingo. He has made several promises to remove the other one. Rumor has it that other fishermen have arranged for charter boats starting at Sandy Key

Sport fishermen have reported net operation at night in Seven Palm Lake and vacinity. It has not yet been possible to investigate the report.

Radio interference from a Brazilian station has been very bad.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Patrol mileages were as follows:

Vehicle	3095
Boat	1817

Absence of the Florida Bay Sub-District Ranger on vacation the entire month accounted for reduced patrol mileage.

Concessioner: Another mass changeover of managerial personnel has taken place with the Everglades Park Company. Paul Liebson, former cashier with the Company, took over as acting President Manager when Mr. Monyer was relieved. Managers have been replaced at the Motel, Marina and Chokoloskee Department. Neither the sanitary and safety situation nor quality of service has been materially improved yet. Time will tell what may develop.

A pay phone booth has been installed at the Marina.

Verbal complaints on reservation foul ups and condition of houseboats have been common.

Forest Fire Protection. One non statistical lightning fire occurred within the mangrove line.

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August 4, 1959

Memorandum

To: Chief Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: Acting District Ranger

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report - Gulf Coast District - July, 1959

General

Weather Conditions

Since there are no official weather records kept at station, only general comments on the weather can be given.

The last two weeks of July brought a cooling trend in the weather. For the first time in several years we are having a heavy rainy season with rains occurring nearly every day.

Increase or Decrease in Travel

2167 persons were contacted at station during July. This represents a 100 per cent increase over June. The first 18 days of July the office was manned only 60 per cent of the time. The last 13 days there were counts made every day from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. An estimated 1500 people came into the area by boat. The overall visitation is estimated at 4467 for July.

Visitors

Dr. Sparkman and Dr. Dolson - Penn State University Research Team
Mrs. Agnes Hatry - Region 5 Office
Arthur W. Collens, - Retired - Mt. Rainer NP

Administration

Personnel

Supervisory Park Ranger Roy Evenson, who had been on special detail in the district since June 1, 1959, was sent to his regular duty station at Fort Jefferson on July 8, 1959.

Park Ranger J. R. Whitehouse was assigned and arrived in district on July 9, 1959.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with Other Federal and Local Agencies

Lt. Drinkwater of the U. S. C. G. was in to inspect the sightseeing boats. Several items were found deficient on Sammy Hamilton's boats, which are in operation. They include improper license of one operator, licenses for boats did not have proper routes shown on them, chairs on boats were not all fastened down, and numbers were not painted on life jackets. The above items have all been corrected and all boats and operators should meet all U. S. C. G. requirements.

William Brown whose boat is not in operation yet was also found to have several deficiencies. Most of these were of a structural nature and are in the process of being corrected.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Interpretive Service

A total of 2167 visitor contacts were made by ranger personnel.

Vernon C. Gilbert, naturalist, was in the area on the 15th and 25th to instruct boat operators in interpretation of trip.

Introduction

General

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General Publicity

Articles appeared in The Miami Herald, Collier County Edition, July 5, 10, and 19 concerning boat tours. Copies of all were sent to the office.

Research and Observations

Swallow tailed Kites have been observed in the office area during the entire month. Kingfishers, which are uncommon during the summer, have been seen on at least three different occasions in three different locations.

White Ibis at Duck Rock are approaching the 100,000 mark.

Protection and Ranger Service

Boat Patrol	130 miles	
Truck Patrol	131 miles	(only mileage around Everglades and Chokoloskee Island given)

On July 15 Jack Best, Audubon Warden, staying at Duck Rock, was taken sick and has to undergo treatment. Until August 5 Ranger personnel in district had to take over patrols, eight nights were spent at Duck Rock during month.

Several short boat patrols were made around the district to acquaint Ranger Whitehouse with area.

Whenever time permits public relations trips are made around Everglades and Chokoloskee Island. Several contacts were made with the charter boat fisherman preparing them for the time they will have to be under permit. Most are very receptive to this.

Arrangements to keep new boats in boat house at Sunset Lodge have been made with Mr. Kirby, owner. The rental charge has not been set.

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The greatest percentage of ranger time has been spent with boat concession operation. Trips are made frequently and the people on trips are questioned closely on the trips so that improvements may be made.

Concessioners

Sammy Hamilton was given a permit to start operation on July 18, 1959. In 13 days of operation 384 adults, 56 children and 23 free passengers went on trips for a total of 463.

William Brown, other prospective concessioner, is working on his boat for Coast Guard approval. It will be inspected on August 3.

Complaints

Only one complaint was received on the boat trip. This was brought about by heavy rain on trip.

Richard A. Stokes
Acting District Ranger
Gulf Coast District

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Memorandum

To: Supt. EWP

From: Chief Park Ranger EWP

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report of Rangers Activities — August 1953

General

Weather Conditions: August was relatively cool with the warmest day recorded as ~~[illegible]~~ and thunderstorms. Winds of 50 MPH were recorded in a report of Key Largo. The water level ~~[illegible]~~ of Taylor Slough stood at 3.63' as compared with 2.25' for August 1952.

The following is a weather summary for the park.

Station	Abs. Temp.	Av. Max. Temp.	Av. Min. Temp.	Av. Temp.	Total Precip.
Royal Palm	94°	90.2°	69°	79.6°	4.70"
Flamingo	94°	88.5°	71°	79.5°	5.00"
Terrapin	95°	91.2°	69°	79.3°	6.53"
Key Largo	96°	85.6°	71°	78.3°	5.82"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: A total of 32,000 visitors entered the park in August 1953 as compared with 30,513 same by car, 1,487 by bus, and 1,487 by boat. These figures represent an increase of 1,487 visitors or 5% as compared with August 1952 figures of 30,513 visitors.

All states, with the exception of Hawaii, Nevada and North Dakota, were represented. Seven Canadian provinces were represented, as well as the following foreign countries: Colombia, Germany, United Arab Emirates, Peru, Cuba, Honduras, Argentina, England, New Zealand, Australia, Israel, Switzerland, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USSR.

Visitors: C Gordon Fredine, Pres. Bridgeport, Conn
Forest Davidson, Nat Geographic photographer
Bert Roberts, Eagle Scout Pensacola, Florida
Dr. J. E. Webb, Prof. of Zoology, Nigeria, West Africa
Al Vick, Engineer, Chicago Bridge & Iron Co.
Dr. William H. Carr, US Dept. of Agriculture
Senator Carl T. Curtis, R, Nebraska
Representative Frank B. Keefe, R, Wisconsin
Ex-Senator Claude Pepper, D, Florida
Helen B. Hoffitt, Bethesda, MD
John C. Reed, Staff Coordinator, USES, Washington, DC
Lord & Lady Lothian, England

Special Attractions: Four VIP pontoon boat rides and boat trips. The Cedar Point Singers performed a program of barbershop harmony and the Cedar Point Marching Band performed a concert of marches.

meeting

Regional Personnel Officer Roberts conducted most of the Protection Division employees individually to discuss personnel matters with them.

Florida Bay Subdistrict Ranger spent a week with Trent Davidson, National Geographic Society, preparing the forthcoming story on the colorful Keywaus tree snails.

Property at Eastmans River Patrol Station was [illegible] and transferred to the Gulf Coast District.

Miscellaneous: A boy, John Dana Hancock was born to District Ranger and Mrs. Hancock on August

Administration

Safety and Health: A park visitor was struck on the arm and head by an alligator at Royal Palm in the incident occurred when the victim [illegible] in the stream [illegible] the alligator [illegible] the victim [illegible] the water, [illegible] the victim [illegible]

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Memorandum

To : Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From : District Ranger, Glades District, Everglades National Park

Subject : Monthly Narrative Report for Glades District, August, 1959

General

Weather Conditions

August was relatively cool compared with a year ago. High temperatures of 94 and 95 degrees were recorded at Royal Palm and Tamiami Stations compared with 98 degrees at both stations for August, 1958.

Rainfall was quite general, although not heavy, throughout the District. The water level remained high although a slight drop was recorded on the Taylor Slough gauge. On th 31st of the month, the level was 3.62 feet compared with July's 3.65. The water level for August, 1958 was 3.25 feet.

	Max. Temp.	Mean Max.	Min. Temp.	Mean Min.	Rainfall
Royal Palm	94°	90.2°	68°	71.0°	7.12"
Tamiami	95°	91.2°	69°	74.3°	6.53"

Increase or Decrease in Travel

Visitation in the District remained steady with 28,618 persons in 8,465 vehicles entering the area. This is a slight drop of 80 people below last year's 28,698 visitors. July visitation was 28,124 persons.

All states except three: Hawaii, Nevada, and North Dakota were recorded. Visitors from 21 foreign countries, seven provinces, and one U. S. territory were noted.

Visitors

Mr. C. Gordon Fredine, Biologist, Washington Office, National Park Service

While in the area, Mr. Fredine visited several of the Long Pine Key Burning plots and reviewed the project with Mr. Robertson, Chief Ranger Nelson, and the District Ranger.

Mr. Trent Davidson, photographer for National Geographic Society

Mr. Bert Roberts, Regional Personnel Office

All protection personnel in the District were given the opportunity to meet and talk over problems with Mr. Roberts.

Dr. J. E. Webb, Professor of Zoology, University College of Ibadan Nigeria, B.W.A.

Mr. Al Vick, Regional Water Resources

Dr. William H. Cross, U. S. Department of Agriculture

Special Activities

The District Ranger gave a short talk on hurricanes to the Maintenance Division on the 10th. The same talk was presented at Staff Meeting on August 12th.

Personnel problems for the District were discussed with Mr. Bertram J. Roberts, Regional Personnel Officer.

With the aid of two men and a bull dozer (D-8), the District Ranger removed an extremely dangerous alligator (3 footer) from a pond at the visitor center building site.

Miscellaneous

A baby boy (John Davis Maxwell) was born to District Ranger and Mrs. Maxwell on August 24th.

Administration

Personnel

Fire Control Aid Francis X. Guardipee, Jr. returned from a month annual leave on August 3rd. Mr. Guardipee's work schedule was changed, his lieu days now being Monday and Tuesday.

District Ranger Ralph D. Maxwell took 40 hours annual leave (maternity leave) during the month.

Safety and Health

The inevitable finally happened on August 11th, when Mr. Leo E. Kidinger was bitten by an alligator. The incident occurred at the Royal Palm Visitor Center when Mr. Kidinger's small dog jumped in the pond. An alligator and Mr. Kidinger reached for the dog at the same time. The dog is O.K. but Mr. Kidinger received minor lacerations of the right forearm and finger of his right hand.

A park visitor reported on August 6th seeing a car turn over on the park road and a man running away from it. He was quite excited and thought that someone might be trapped in the vehicle. Rangers investigated and found the car, a convertible, lying on its top about 15 miles southwest of Royal Palm. There was no one in the car. The Chief Ranger's Office traced the license and found that the car was stolen from a local car dealer in Homestead. Personnel attempted to track the runaway driver through the wet covered glades but failed. On a hunch, Big Oak Lake was checked and the driver was found. On the advice of the F.B.I., he was turned over to local authorities for prosecution.

Mr. Frank Webber, supervisor for the Harris Paving Co. which is working on site preparation for the new Visitor Center, was contacted and safety matters discussed. He was given a supply of Forms 10-401 (Report of Personal Injury) and a copy of the 'Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction' to read. Safety posters were also placed on his bulletin board.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with Other Federal, State or Local Agencies

Airboat permits were issued to the U.S.D.A. to allow them to locate screw worm fly traps in the Tamiami Subdistrict. Traps were located along the ten mile boundary and station airboat trail. The traps will be tended for five or six weeks.

An airboat permit was issued Mr. J. B. Reark, University of Miami Research Assistant. Mr. Reark will be using park equipment in the Shark River valley area.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Activities

The District Ranger and Supervisory Fire Control Aid continued to man the Park Entrance Station on weekends.

One case of vandalism occurred in the District on the night of August 10th when the small box containing park folders was taken from the Entrance Station. The leaflets were thrown along the road but the box was not found.

A second case of vandalism occurred the week end of August 22nd when the Whiskey Creek sign from the Faurotis Pond Overlook was stolen.

A copy of the Park Service Rules and Regulations was given to the foreman of Harris Paving Company for him to read. These were later discussed with him.

On the 19th, the District Ranger accompanied Chief Ranger Nelson on an inspection trip of the Tamiami Subdistrict.

Water gauging stations in the District P33, 34, 37, and 38 were read during August.

A small electric portable generator was taken from the Edelbut Construction Co. job at West Lake the night of August 14th. All information on the case was turned over to District Ranger Borgman.

Either the District Ranger or the Supervisory Frie Control Aid was present to block road traffic during all blasting in connection with the building of the Visitor Center.

Patrol mileage for the District was as follows:

Truck	3,157	miles
Airboat	347	miles
Glades Buggy	0	miles
	3,504	miles

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities

Deer #28 was killed on the park road tw miles north of Mahogany Hammock Turnoff. This is the first deer killed by a motor vehicles this summer.

MONTHLY VISITOR REPORT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
ROYAL PALM DISTRICT

August ,1959

ORIGIN OF VISITORS	Observed Cars	Observed Visitors	Percent
Dade County Florida	1,427	4,968	
Other Florida	346	1,207	
Out-of-State	643	2,250	
Busses	5	105	
Audubon Society			
Local Miscellaneous	167	738	
Total Observed	2,588	9,276	100%
Total Not Observed	5,877	19,342	
GRAND TOTAL	8,465	28,618	

States Not Represented
Hawaii
Nevada
North Dakota

Represented From:

U. S. Territories
Puerto Rico

Canada
Alberta
New Brunswick
Nova Scotia
Ontario
Quebec
Saskatchewan
British Columbia

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Germany
British West Indies
Peru
Cuba
Venezuela
Argentina
England
New Zealand
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Japan
U.S.S.R.

Long Pine Key Campground
Tent Campers 63
Trailer Campers 2
65

Cars entering Park between hours 5:00 PM and 8:30 AM
2,636

Cars using farm road - 859

Entrance Station open on weekends only.

District Ranger

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Visitors

August 5th M. Gordon Forest Supervisor Wise
August 15th Bart Roberts & Family Regional Forester
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Administrative

Acting District Ranger Richard Stokes was relieved from duty August 12. Two days [illegible]

Deputy Ranger Jack Berry reported back to duty on August 5th after an absence of 15 days because of illness.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal and State agencies on the District on August 3rd to 11th on Three Combination Fires. All [illegible] were [illegible]

Fire Navigation on the US Forest and [illegible] Service, Fire Warden [illegible] August 3rd to the 11th. Fire [illegible]

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Memorandum

To: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Park Ranger, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for August, 1959

General

Weather Conditions: General cool weather prevailed. Only five days of the month did the maximum temperature hit 90° at Flamingo. Winds of 32 mph were recorded in a squall at Key Largo. Observations were recorded as follows:

	Maximum	Minimum	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Precipitation
Flamingo	94°	71°	86.5°	74.5°	6.00~~5.69~~ in.
Key Largo	90°	71°	85.0°	75.0°	5.62 in.

Increase or Decrease in Travel: Although number of campers increased, a slight decrease in the months travel was evident, and can be contributed to a few slow days at end of the month.

OVERNIGHT VISITS:

Accomodations, Concessioner (Flamingo Lodge)		1597
Designated campsites, tents (Flamingo)		460
Designated campsites, trailers (Flamingo)		32
Undesignated campsites, tents		
Cape Sable	18	
Florida Bay	26	44
Other overnight		
Private boats, Cape Sable	157	
Private boats, Florida Bay	100	
Rental houseboats, Flamingo	130	
Slip rentals, Flamingo	179	
Commercial fishermen	197	763
TOTAL OVERNIGHT VISITS		2896

Boat Patrol: Boating traffic decreased. A breakdown of boating activities is as follows:

Flamingo	Rental craft	- 205,	(visits)	- 698
Flamingo	Shuttle trips	- 160,	(visits)	- 2776
Flamingo	Ramp boats	- 330,	(visits)	- 1537
*Flamingo	Slip rentals	- 32,	(visits)	- 112
Flamingo	Charter boats	- 34,	(visits)	- 106
*Fla. Bay	Boats observed	- 507,	(visits)	- 1702
*Cape Sable	Boats observed	- 4,	(visits)	- 7
*Other	(estimated)	- 170,	(visits)	- 569
	TOTAL	1782,		7 21

(*) Visits (entry by boat) - 793 boats, 2390 people (visits).

Visitors:

Mr. Bert Roberts & family - Region Personnel Officer, Region 1.
Senator Hrusta- Republican, Nebraska.
Representative Keating - Republican, New York
Ex-Senator Claude Pepper - Florida
Lord and Lady Littlewood - England
Dr. Webb - Swamp ecologist, Nigeria, South Africa
Melvin B. Proffitt - Ranger, Petersburg NMP.
Treat Davidson - Photographer and writer, National Geographic Magazine
John C. Reed - Staff coordinator, US Geological Survey, Washington, D.C.
H. Gordon Ferdine - Chief Biologist, WASO.

Special Activities: Four VIP parties were escorted on boat trips. Senator Hrusta and party of six went fishing with Custodian Scudder and Patton. The Superintendent and District Ranger accompanied. Chief Naturalist Christensen accompanied ex-Senator Pepper and friends, Lord and Lady Littlewood, on a sightseeing excursion. Dr. Webb and companion were taken on a trip to Shark River and around Cape Sable. Mr. Reed and family were taken to Lard Ingraham to see crocodiles.

Property at Lostman's River Patrol Station was inventoried and transfered to the Gulf Coast District.

Sub-District Ranger Wiese spent a week with Mr. Treat Davidson, National Geographic Magazine, procuring forthcoming article on Liguus tree snails.

Administration

Safety and Health: Three personal injuries were investigated. Fish hook punctures and sailfish barbs continue to be common causes of injury. Two fish hook punctures and three sailfish barbs occurred. A stabbing and an automobile accident accounted for two more injuries. The District Maintenance Supervisor suffered a deep cut on his right hand. Other injuries were of a minor nature.

An extensive search involving two day seekers, Coast Guard and Park Service, was made for a boat which was found adrift in the Gulf of Mexico. The Concessioner Restaurant Manager at Flamingo was rescued for the fourth time in less than six months. It is evident this person needs a little instruction in boating safety and mechanics. Two other boats in trouble were assisted. A girl alone in a skiff swamped on East Cape. Another boat was stranded on the mud flats when the tide fell.

Building Fire Protection: Fire extinguishers for new shop buildings at Flamingo have been requisitioned.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: Mr. Purdue, US Weather Bureau, spent a day at Flamingo investigating possibility of installing a tide guage and obtaining cooperative observations on same. The Everglades Park Company agreed to record the observations in conjunction with other observations they are making.

Creel census, Mangrove Snapper, Barnacle and Oyster studies by University of Miami Marine Lab. continue.

Agent Hobbs, State Board of Conservation, assisted in search for Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer as did many other agencies and individuals.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Ranger Larson, on duty at Flamingo, was called to the Glades District to investigate an auto theft and accident. The FBI cooperated on the case and a colored man from Homestead, former concessioner employee, was apprehended and turned over to the Homestead Police Department for prosecution.

Notice of violation warnings were issued for undersize mesh nets, no permit for silver mullet and firing firearms.

A family fight between a commercial fisherman and his wife aboard thier boat resulted in the wife stabbing the husband. A two inch deep puncture in his left side necessitated hospitalization. Neither husband or wife would testify against the other and could easily have been mistaken for honeymooners a couple of days after the incident. Restrictions on conduct and and activities were imposed on the [illegible] two. Buying or drinking beer at Flamingo will not be allowed. Permission to come into Flamingo will only be granted to deliver fish to the restaurant.

The Motel Manager reported theft of $116 from her purse. Complete investigation of the larceny has not yet been completed.

Walter Smithhart, contractor, reported theft of small electric generator from construction site at Rogers Shell. The guilty party has not been determined, and the generator has not been recovered.

Verbal warnings were issued to boys with fire crackers, group of disorderly men in dining room and two concessioner employees involved in fight.

Very little commercial fishing has been done except for silver mullet which is about the only lucrative operation at the present time. Pressure on the silvers has reduced the population considerably. Harvests for Park consist both salmon for east and west coasts.. Overfishing of crayfish caused the first of the world has already seriously depleted the crayfish populations in the Park. Five illegal crab traps have been pulled in.

Ben Wright continues to observe fishing parties with Park Policeman's boats.

Gas skiffs were reported found at mouth of Steep River, but investigation failed to disclose any substantiating facts.

A very rare incident occurred when colored people fishing near Everglades Park Company employee trailer park were approached by mullet peddlers. All the squares were colored people were identified as relatives of a Park Service employee, Charley Tilman, and accordingly employees were required to Park Service hiring policy.

Three vessels were seized from Interlopers Bills (?) (?) men.

A complete data on commercial fishing.

Patrol mileages for the month were as follows:

Vessels - [illegible]
Boat - [illegible]

Conservation: The Chief of Park Service, Mr. [illegible] visited in place on February 2nd and addressed several meetings in the Dade area on "Conservation". Newspaper coverage was favorable. Favorable reaction to the program of [illegible] reasonable.

Three of the Coffee Shops and Visitor Center have been painted by CAA - [illegible].

Mr. McCain, Park Service Engineer, inspected [illegible] and Everglade facilities and [illegible] Service [illegible] Park and Everglades [illegible].

Snapshots: A snapshot of Everglades City [illegible] Park Service [illegible] Park and [illegible] Park.

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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades National Park

From: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report of Ranger Activities
September 1959

General

Weather Conditions: Temperature ranges throughout the month were high, and varied little from those of the preceding month. The daily rains continued, and several electrical storms did some damage to the Park's radio equipment. A few glades fires started from lightning strikes. Side effects of Hurricane Gracie were felt in the Park in the form of high winds and heavy rains. Hurricane Hannah bypassed South Florida at long range, and the Park felt none of its effects.

The following is a weather summary for the Park:

Station	Max. Temp.	Av. Max.	Min. Temp.	Ave. Min.	Precipitation
Royal Palm	93°	86.3°	68°	71.9°	7.21"
Flamingo	91°	87.8°	73°	73.2°	10.09"
Tamiami	93°	90.8°	69°	73.8°	8.61"
Key Largo	90°	87.5°	71°	75.7°	11.65"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: A total of 25,551 visitors entered the Park in September. Of this number, 22,388 came by car; 3,101 by boat and 62 by bus. These figures represent an increase of 2,957 visitors, or 13% increase over the September 1958 figure. All states except Wyoming were represented. One U. S. possession; three Canadian provinces and the following foreign countries were also represented: Mexico, Sweden, Lebanan, Germany, France, England, Brazil, Haiti, Cuba, Colombia, Nicaragua, Holland, Japan, Denmark, Venezuela, Peru, Australia and Jamaica.

Visitors:

E. F. Yarnell - Dist Sales & Traffic Mgr., Eastern Airlines.

A. L. Holston - Asst. to Mr. Yarnell
Richard Fullerton - Florida Power & Light Co.
Comdr. Zabiuski - Cmdr. Barber, CPO Vecchione,
Lt. Comdr. Drinkwater, 7th USCG District
Charles Madison, U. S. Border Patorl
Edward P. Rennie, National Capital Parks
Charles W. Tebeau, Historian, University of Miami

Special Activities: Flamingo residents were provided an opportunity to register for voting when the Monroe County Deputy Registrar spent a day in the area.

The Park Safety Committee inspected the Pine Island shop area, elevated trails and Flamingo area.

Fire Control Aid Ralph Johnston was presented with a $100 Superior Accomplishment Award.

Miscellaneous: A baby girl was born to the Paul Larsons and another daughter arrived at the home of Jack and Ann Lewis.

A party honoring Assistant Superintendent Fry (Superintendent of Isle Royale) was held at the Pine Island Chickee. "Campfire Day" was also commemorated at this party, held on September 19.

Administration

Personnel: Richard A. Stokes was promoted to District Ranger, GS-9, Gulf Coast District. Ranger Whitmoyer was promoted to the position of Tamiami Subdistrict Ranger.

Safety and Health: Six personal injuries of a minor nature were reported, and two automobile accidents were investigated.

Building Fire Protection: Two fifty foot lengths of garden hose were supplied to each of the residences in the Pine Island area. This complies with the recommendation made during the annual building fire hazards inspection.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with Other Federal, State, or Local Agencies:

The USDA screwworm fly trapping program in the Tamiami Subdistrict has been terminated. The U. S. Westher Bureau installed anemometer equipment at the Tamiami Ranger Station. The University of Miami research team continued its ecology study in the Tamiami area. Another University of Miami research team began a sea trout and snapper study at Flamingo to determine the size, sex, and maturity of catches. The Penn State University peat study team finished their research for the summer and returned to Pennsylvania. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service began preliminary work on another shrimp research

program in the Whitwater Bay area. Certificates for all but one of the concessioner sightseeing boats were suspended by U. S. Coast Guard inspection officers. Safety devices on these boats failed to meet Coast Guard standards.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Interpretive Services: The weekly boat-a-cade at Flamingo was temporarily discontinued until early December. Sandfly Island, in the Gulf Coast District, was reconnoitered for future interpretive possibilities.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Two new inboard ranger patrol boats were placed in service. One has been assigned to the Florida Bay Subdistrict and the other goes to the Gulf Coast District. These boats perform exceptionally well, and should prove to be ideal patrol craft.

Park Rangers transferred a commercial fisherman from Sandy Key to Homestead for treatment of what was thought to be an appendicitis attack.

Two boat rescues were made in the Cape Sable Subdistrict. Both parties were safely returned to Flamingo by Park Rangers.

A 200 pound green sea turtle was captured by a sports fisherman and towed to Flamingo. Since turtles are protected in the Park, the man who caught it was directed to release it where he caught it. Investigation was made of vandalism of a boat moored in Park waters. Apparently the damage was done unintentionally by

members of the boat owner's immediate family during a drinking bout on the craft.

Night patrols in the Glades District were stepped up to meet increased activity. Although no arrests were made, the contacts that were made should have a beneficial effect.

Approximately 2½ miles of the east Park boundary south of State route 27 were posted. Boundary line signs were also placed along the intracoastal waterway at Grouper and Dusenberry Creeks.

Two more deer (#29 and 30) were killed along the main Park road during the month.

Contacts with commercial and sports fishermen in Florida Bay have indicated compliance with regulations on crawfishing and unusually good catches have been made. Commercial stonecrabbers are making preparations for the approaching crabbing season. Commercial trout fishing activities have slowed down because of a scarcity of sea trout.

A new 15' fiberglass outboard-powered skiff was placed in service in the Gulf Coast District.

An airboat operator contacted near Chevelier Bay was warned about operating an airboat in the Park.

A report of night shooting on Bird Key was investigated, and it was determined that two boys had done the shooting with the aid of headlights. Apparently no serious damage had been done.

Hogs were discovered on Sandfly Island, and their owner, Jimmy Brown, is presently trying to capture and remove them from the island.

The following is a summary of ranger patrol mileages for the month:

Automobile	10,336
Boat	1,521
Airplane	2,700
Airboat	464
Glades Buggy	0
Total	15,021

Aircraft Activities: Eleven flights were made, totaling twenty-seven hours and covering 2,700 miles. A summary of accomplishments is as follows: Flight to Tamiami Airport for magneto and radio repairs; contacted lost boat at Cape Sable and reported to boat patrolling ranger for rescue; located party of lost Fisherman off mouth of Harney; found abandoned houseboat and derelict skiff, discovered burned area near Harney River (probably caused by a green flare observed three nights previously by Tamiami Ranger); twister damage observed on key north of Seminole Point. Wildlife observations and boat counts were recorded on all flights. A new Comco 35 W transciever was installed in the aircraft to replace the unit that was stolen in June.

Concessioners: Robert Knight assumed the duties of resident manager at Flamingo, replacing Paul Liebman. The sightseeing boat schedule had to be drastically modified after the Coast Guard inspection (see Copperating Agencies). A telephone crew spent a day at Flamingo attempting to remedy communication difficulties. Boat trips at Everglades and Chokoloskee are running smoothly, although the number of visitors taking the trips is down 56% from August, due to the normal September slump in visitation. An attractive sign advertising the 10,000 Islands boat trip has been erected at Brown's boat landing.

Richard A. Nelson
Chief Park Ranger

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Memorandum

To : Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From : District Ranger, Glades District Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject : Monthly Narrative Report for Glades District, September, 1959

General

Weather Conditions

September was generally cooler than August with a high of 93 degrees being recorded in both subdistricts. A "real cool" 68 degrees was noted at Pine Island on September 11th.

Rain was good and well distributed over the District as well as throughout the month. The water level was at a near high for the year and read 4.12 feet compared with 3.62 feet for August. This compares with 2.66 for September, 1958. The high for the year so far was 4.22 in June. Glades and much of the lower pine woods are under water.

	Max.Temp.	Max.Mean	Min.Temp.	Min.Mean.	Rainfall
Royal Palm	93°	86.3°	68°	71.9°	7.21"
Miami	93°	90.8°	69°	73.8°	3.61"

Increase or Decrease in Travel

Visitation in the District dropped to 22,4[illegible] persons from August's 29,612. This, however, is 11% lighter than September, 1958's 30,207 persons.

All states except on, Wyoming, were recorded in the Park. Visitors from 18 foreign countries, three Canadian provinces, and one U.S. territory were noted.

Visitors

Mr. Edward F. Dennie, Chief Branch of Safety and Forts, National Capital Parks

The District Ranger accompanied Mr. Dennie on a trip through the Chokoloskee District and Flamingo.

Special Activities

A meeting of the Park Safety Committee was attended by the District personnel. The committee inspected the Pine Island Shop area, newly constructed Pa Ha Okee and Mahogany trails, and the Flamingo area.

Chief Ranger was taken on an inspection trip of the Long Pine Key area of the district. Special problems of this area were discussed.

Fire Control Aid Ralph C. Johnston was presented with his $100.00 Superior Accomplishment Award on September 9th. The presentation was made by Superintendent Hamilton with members of the Park staff present.

Miscellaneous

A party honoring Assistant Superintendent Fay (Superintendent, Isle Royal) was given at the Pine Island Chickee on September 19th.

A baby girl (Kirsten? Lynn) was born to Ranger Larson and wife on the 19th of the month.

Administration

Personnel

District Ranger Ralph Maxwell took 16 hours annual leave during September.

Ranger Whitmoyer was promoted to the position of Subdistrict Ranger of the Tamiami area on September 20th. He has been acting in this capacity since June 3rd.

Safety and Health

Two motor vehicle accidents occurred in the District during September. One happened at 2:00 AM on the 4th when a car driven by Dr. James A. Tunderburk, accompanied by his wife, overturned three and one-half miles east of S. R. 9 Key junction. The car was a total wreck but luckily the Tunderburks were only slightly injured. Dr. Tunderburk is employed by the Everglades Park Co. and he and his wife were returning to Homestead after attending an "end of the summer" party at Flamingo.

The other accident was on the 20th and involved two cars. The vehicles

were driven by Mr. Russell T. Harris and Mr. Luis Lopez Chaves. The cars
collided about one mile west of the Entrance Station. Among the witness
Investigation was made interesting as Mr. Chaves did not speak English. Quite
a heated argument had started before rangers arrived on the scene.

One personal injury occurred when Fleaz Anderson, employee of
contractors Harris Paving Co., stepped in a hole and sprained his right ankle.

Building Fire Protection

One hundred feet of garden hose for each of the quarters in the
Pine Island area was distributed during September. This is in compliance
with the recommendation of the Building Fire Hazards Inspection.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with Other Federal, State, or Local Agencies

The U.S.D.A. Screw worm fly trapping program along the ten mile line of the Tamiami Subdistrict has been completed. They now plan to work the area outside of the park from Turkey Hammock west and north to the village of Ochopee. Mr. Skipper has requested that his airboats (operated by Schroeder and Saunders) be allowed to be based at 40 Mile Bend Station and continue to use our airboat trail to the Park boundary. The Subdistrict Manger made three airboats trips into the Shark River Valley in connection with the screw worm program.

The University of Miami research team made three trips to the Seven Mile Tower. They used the airboat placed at their disposal twice.

The U.S. Weather Bureau finished installation of annemometer equipment on the tower at 40 Mile Bend.

Operations

Protection and Visitor Service

The District Ranger accompanied Ranger Whitmoyer and Shop Foreman Parker to Miami to purchase an engine for our new airboat. A rebuilt 150 horsepower motor was selected. It is hoped that the new boat will be in operation by the last of this month.

Night patrols in both subdistricts of the District were stepped up to meet increased activity. Although no arrests were made, it is felt that the contacts made will have a beneficial effect.

Two more deer (#29 and #30) were killed along the park road this month. The deer met their end on the 9th and 18th respectively.

Approximately 2½ miles of boundary south of State Route 27 were posted during September. This completes the 44 miles from Highway 27 to the corner east of Madeira Ditches.

Patrol mileage was as follows:

Truck	4,362 miles
Airboat	464 miles
Total	4,826 miles

MONTHLY VISITOR REPORT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
ROYAL PALM DISTRICT

September ,1959

ORIGIN OF VISITORS	Observed Cars	Observed Visitors	Percent
Dade County Florida	1001	3501	
Other Florida	248	893	
Out-of-State	300	1048	
Busses	7	50	
Audubon Society	1	2	
Local and Miscellaneous	160	629	
Total Observed	1729	6075	100%
Total Not Observed	6402	14355	
GRAND TOTAL	8402	20430	

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States Not Represented

Wyoming

Represented From:

U. S. Territories: Puerto Rico

Canada: Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec

Foreign: Mexico, Sweden, Lebanon, Germany, France, Brazil, Haiti, Cuba, Colombia, Nicaragua, Holland, Japan, Ireland, Denmark, Venezuela, Peru, Australia, Jamaica

Long Pine Key Campground
Tent Campers 45
Trailer Campers 5
50

Cars entering Park between hours 5:00 PM and 8:30 AM
2103

Cars using farm road - 911

Entrance Station open on weekends only.

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Memorandum

To: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: Supervisory Park Ranger Paul A. Iverson, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for September, 1953

General

Weather Conditions: More frequent rains, dropping nearly twice as much rain as in August, made the month a little cooler than last. The presence of hurricane "Gracie", well to the east of the mainland, caused excessive winds on four days during which small craft warnings were displayed for the first time since June.

	Maximum	Minimum	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Precipitation
Flamingo	91°	73°	87.8°	73.2°	10.09 in.
Key Largo	90°	71°	87.5°	75.1°	14.[illegible] in.

Increase or Decrease in Travel: The usual Sept. slump was evident immediately after Labor Day with far fewer cars than last month and frequently empty parking lots. A complete breakdown of visitor use accompanies this report.

Boat Travel: Private boat use from the ramp showed an increase but other forms of boating use showed a decrease in proportion to travel.

Visitors:

Mr. Edwin L. Hunt - Safety Engineer, Natl. Cap. Parks.
Mr. Edward Tarbell - Eastern Airlines.
Mr. Al Perkins - Eastern Airlines.
Mr. Dick Fullerton - Florida Power and Light Co.
Brandt. Dexter - Area Inspection Officer, U.S.C.G.
Lt. Comdr. Principatel - Asst. Dep. Officer, U.S.C.G.
Charles Carlson - Inspector, U.S. Border Patrol.

Special Activities: Fieldmen residents were provided an opportunity to register to take part the Monroe County Deputy Sheriff's Test in the area.

The last Boat-a-mile until the first week of December was conducted on the 12th. Another had been held on the 5th; the total participation for the month being 7 boats and 11 visitors. A press release was given out prior to the last trip.

On the 19th, Ranger Larson received a radio message that "The bird of time (in this case a Wood Ibis) has but a little way to flutter, and the bird is on the wing." That evening their second daughter was born. Larson began "paternity leave" on the following day. The stork made a second flight on the 27th to deliver another girl. This time it landed at the residence of Jack and Ann Davis. Jack was wearing a bigger grin than Mr. Ivy's.

Sub-District Ranger Slade has continued correspondence with Mr. Treat Davidson, photographer for National Geographic Magazine in connection with the story and color plates on the Liguus Tree Snail.

Administration

Accidents: An early morning accident was investigated by District Ranger Burgess. A waitress and her husband drove off the road and turned their car over after an E.S.C. party at Chevelon. The driver apparently had gone to sleep at the wheel. Fortunately their injuries were slight.

Safety and Health: Five injuries were reported; three inflicted by the above mentioned, one bit of not too serious note, two small cuttish punctures, a cut finger and a scraped toe which had been caught under the caucus door.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: Dr. William Spoehrer and Mr. Phil Dutern of Fla. State finished their research for the summer and returned to Fla. Persuasion was greater again to leave some of their materials stored at Coot Bay. They took their boat with them this year.

The University of Miami began a trout and tarpon research program to determine the size, age and maturity of catches.

Dept. of Agriculture entomologists and Alexander requested that the U.F.S. fell the Snake Tree canal at Rowdy Bend road. He was asked to make a formal application.

Sub-District Ranger Slade spent a day in Chokoloskee Bay with [illegible] Fish and Wildlife Service on shrimp research.

The T.F.C. eligibility tests were inspected by Comdr. Barker and Lt. Cronin, [illegible] of the U.S.C.G. Safety Devices failed to meet the requirements, resulting in the certificates being withheld on all the boats except the public wheeler, "Robin K.".

Operations

Protection and Rescue Service: Hurricane District personnel went over the hurricane plan making necessary additions and deletions.

The twin diesel boats "Cheetha" and "Galecia" were delivered to Pinellas on Sept. 5. They were "wrung out" and had their picture taken. Their performance proved to be excellent except for a tendency to porpoise. Within a few days at Pinellas, the rudder, prop both boats back to Miami and made the changes which eliminated this condition. Requisitions were filled to provide them with proper equipment.

A commercial fisherman from the Indy Key area was transported to Tamahal St. who appeared to be an appendicitis attack. The doctor diagnosed his trouble as a gas filling.

A 200 lb. Green Sea Turtle was caught on a line and brought in to Pinellas. The man who caught it was told to return it to the bay.

Sub-District Ranger Shaw performed a rescue of a 40 ft. boat off East Cape and a private boat operated by Deputy Constables Bill Pruitt off the Harney River.

The ship and equipment storage buildings were given their inspection by Lieut. Regn. Insp. Capt. Heffernan, Lt. Tabor and Chief Lewis on Sept., 17. Since then the equipment storage building has been put to use.

A new Visitor Use Form (published) was worked out and put to use during the month.

Both new boats were equipped with radios.

Sub-District Ranger Hinton investigated a report that Mr. Clarence Roberts had caught his [illegible] lost while anchored in Little Blackwater Sound. Apparently the horse was done unintentionally by seamen and friends of the family while fishing.

Increased activity has been placed on patrolling at Long Sound Landing off U.S. #1 due to reports of illegal nets, guns and firearms on boats coming from there. This has always been a spot for illegal activities.

Contacts of commercial and sportfishermen in Fla. Bay have indicated problems with regulations on snapping and crawfishing and possible good catches have been made. Shellcrackers were also contacted to inform them to obtain permits before operating.

A commercial mullet/catfish fisherman operating without a permit was warned to obtain one before fishing again in Shark River. The permit was obtained on the following day.

Recently at least two forest fires started in Everglades National Park.

Maintenance: Two people were hired, cleaned and painted up with paint. A new lease was installed in the 20 point low light and new anchor chains were added.

A halyard was replaced on the small craft warning pole.

The [illegible] at TT Keys to be more ineffective and requires repair.

Interpretive: Mr. Knight assumed the duties of regional manager, replacing Paul Liebman, who had been filling the position temporarily.

It became imperative that the lighthouse [illegible] be lifted when the first of tours was ordered to use after the Coast Guard inspection.

Plans are in the making at the Parks to build a construction [illegible] replace their present, inadequate installation.

A telephone line went a day in Flamingo trying to remedy the sporadic operation.

Paul A. Larson
Supervisory Park Ranger
Region Office

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Monthly Public Use Report, Mangrove District _____, 1963

	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE
TOTAL VISITS (entry by boat)		
a. Florida Bay, non-commercial ---- 1503		
b. Florida Bay, commercial fishermen ---- 3		
c. Cape Sable, non-commercial ---- 7		
d. Cape Sable, commercial fishermen ---- 12		
e. Flamingo, slip rentals ---- 1		
f. Estimated uncounted boats (1/3 of a & c) ---- 526	1174	
OVERNIGHT VISITS		
a. Accommodations, concessioner	721	
b. Accommodations, private inholdings		
c. Designated campsites, tents, Flamingo Campground	240	
d. Designated campsites, trailers, Flamingo Campground	31	
e. Undesignated campsites, tent, (campground overflow)		
f. Undesignated campsites, trailer, (campground overflow)		
g. Other overnight		
Aboard private boats, Cape Sable ---- 240		
Aboard private boats, Florida Bay ---- 455		
Primitive sites reached by boat, C Sable ---- 240		
Primitive sites reached by boat, Fla. Bay ---- 56		
Commercial fishermen, Cape Sable ---- 12		
Commercial fishermen, Florida Bay ---- 3		
Rental houseboats, Flamingo ---- 66	1013	
TOTAL VISITOR DAYS (add lines 1 and 2)	3673	

MONTH

SPECIAL USE DATA
a.
b. Persons, entering by boat from Keys and West Coast
c. Boats, entering from Keys and West Coast
d.
e.
f. Persons in vehicles actuating traffic counter at Buttonwood Creek

MULTIPLIERS
a. Private autos X_____ b. Private boats X_____ c. Commercial boats X_____

REMARKS
a. Commercial fishermen are included in lines 1, 2g, 4b, & 4c

OTHER SPECIAL BOAT USE (visitors)
a. Flamingo rental skiffs
b. Flamingo sightseeing tours
c. Flamingo ramp boats
d. Flamingo charter boats

TOTAL BOATING USE -- VISITOR DAYS (lines 1a - 1f, 2g, 7a - 7d)

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To: Chief Ranger Nelson

From: District Ranger Stone

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report Gulf Coast District

General

Weather Conditions

Incidents or Problems in Travel

Visitors

Check-ins at Tamiami Trail Ranger Station

Protection

Personnel

a. On Sept

Ten Thousand Island Boat Tour
Report

Date	No. Trips	Adults	Children	Free	Total
Sept. 1	2	7			7
2	0				
3	2	7			7
4	0				
5	3	13			13
6	3	17	1	1	19
7	3	8			8
8	0				
9	0				
10	1	4			4
11	3	6			6
12	3	19			19
13	3	10	1		11
14	0				
15	2	35			35
16	0				
17	0				
18	1	6			6
19	1	8			8
20	2	4			4
21	0				
22	0				
23	1	2			2
24	1	3			3
25	1	4			4
26	1	2			2
27	1	2			2
28	2	5			5
29	1	2			2
30	2	4			4
				Total	171

SEPTEMBER 1-30

MANGROVE WILDERNESS TOUR

E	NO. OF TRIPS	NO. OF BOATS	ADULTS	CHILDREN	FREE
I I	3	3	I4	I	I
2	3	3	20	4	I
3	2	2	8	4	
4	4	4	I3		
5	I	I	9	I	
6	3	5	35	3	4
7	4	5	24	2	3
8	3	3	I6		
9	3	3	I5		
I0	2	2	6	I	
II	3	3	I0		
I2	2	2	8		
I3	I	I	8		
I4	2	2	9		
I5	4	4	24		
I6	3	3	II		
I7	3	4	27	I	
I8	3	4	I7		
I9	3	3	I0	I	
20	3	3	I0		
2I	2	2	8		
22	I	I	4	I	
23	3	3	II		
24	3	3	II		

SEPTEMBER 1-30

MANGROVE WILDERNESS TOUR

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I	3	3	I4	I	I
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3	2	2	8	4	
4	4	4	I3		
5	I	I	9	I	
6	3	5	35	3	4
7	4	5	24	2	3
8	3	3	I6		
9	3	3	I5		
I0	2	2	6	I	
II	3	3	I0		
I2	2	2	8		
I3	I	I	8		
I4	2	2	9		
I5	4	4	24		
I6	3	3	II		
I7	3	4	27	I	
I8	3	4	I7		
I9	3	3	I0	I	
20	3	3	I0		
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22	I	I	4	I	
23	3	3	II		
24	3	3	II		
25	3	3	23		
26	2	3	I8		
27	2	3	I6	I	
28	I	I	2		

COMPLETE TOTAL

ADULTS	CHILDREN
395	20

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Everglades National Park

October 1. 1959

To: Chief Ranger Nelson

From: District Ranger Stokes

Subject: Monthly Public Use Report Gulf Coast District

Line 1. Total visits 1627

1. 369
2. 593
3. 765

Line 2g Other Overnight 42

Line 4b Special Use Data 723

Line 4c Special Use Data 241

Respectfully submitted
Richard A. Stokes

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October 5, 1959

Memorandum:

To: Superintendent, Everglades National Park

From: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report of Ranger Activities, October 1959

General

Weather Conditions: Rain dominated the weather during the month, with 14.77 inches being recorded at Royal Palm. On October 18 hurricane Judith passed near the Park. Tides were abnormally high, resulting in flooding of most of the town of Everglades in the Gulf Coast District. At Flamingo high tides deposited debris in the area. Maximum wind velocity for the Park was 48 miles per hour at Key Largo. By the end of the month, the water level was 4.21 feet at Taylor Slough as compared with 4.12 feet for last month and 2.66 feet for October 1958. Gale warnings were flown at Flamingo during hurrican Judith.

The following is a weather summary for the Park:

Station	Max. Temp.	Av. Max.	Min. Temp.	Av. Min.	Precipitation:
Royal Palm:	92°	82.2°	61°	70.3°	14.77"
Flamingo :	90°	86.4°	63°	74.2°	8.28"
Tamiami :	94°	88.4°	64°	74.2 °	5.23"
Key Largo :	89°	86.0°	68°	76.2°	6.30"

Increase or Decrease in travel: A total of 25,947 visitors entered the Park in October. Of this number,22,508 cambe by car, 3,339 by boat, and 100 by bus. These figures represent a decrease of 1,504 visitors, or 5% under the October 1958 figure at 27,451 visitors. The decrease in visitation can be attributed mainly to heavy rains and flooded conditions throughout south Florida. All states except Vermont were represented. One U. S. territory, five Canadian Provinces and the following foreigh countries were also represented: Cuba, Germany, Mexico, England, Venezuela, Austria, Ireland, Sweden, France, Switzerland, Colombia, Holland, Australie, Peru and Scotland.

Visitors: Although mentioned in the previous Monthly Report as planned mention should be made that Mr. Laurance Rockefeller and Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, and other members of the Board of Directors of Eastern Air Lines were visitors in the Park when they held a meeting at Flamingo very early in the month.

Mr. William Stout, Photographer for The Saturday Evening Post
Mr. L. A. Farrer, Hydraulic Eng., Planning and Reports Branch
Jacksonville District Office, U. S. Corps of Engineers
Mr. James B. Cartwright, Forester, U. S. Forest Service,
Atlanta, Ga.
Mr. John M. Bethea, Florida Board of Foresters, Tallahassee, Fla.
Mr. S. Sweeten, District Forester, Lakeland, Fla.
Commander C. W. Quinby, U. S. C. G., Miami, Fla. with Commander
Barber, Lt. Craig
Mr. Fields, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Films, Hollywood, Calif.
Mr. John G. Lewis, Supt., Virgin Islands National Park
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Ross, University of Miami Press, Coral
Gables, Florida
Mr. Lucien Offenburg, Geneva, Switzerland.

Special Activities: A special Boat-a-Cade was conducted for the Key West Power Squadron who held a rendevous at Flamingo. Seven boats and 30 people attended.

Eastern Air Lines Board of Directors members were received at Flamingo where special conducted tours were offered for those interested.

A Food Handling School was conducted at Flamingo, by the U. S. Public Health Service.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Laurence Fields, MGM Studios was in the Park to survey the possibility of making a movie based on conservation.

Personnel: Wilmer H. Walker was transferred from Great Smoky Mountains National Park to Everglades National Park as Park Ranger, GS-453-5 effective 10-19-59.

Howard R. Copas was transferred from Great Smoky Mountains National Park to Everglades National Park as Park Ranger, GS-453-5, effective 10-18-59.

Ralph C. Johnston was returned to duty from furlough in his seasonal Fire Control Aid Position at Everglades National Park, GS-456-4, effective 10-11-59.

James R. Whitehouse, Jr. was promoted from Park Ranger, GS-453-5 to Supvervisory Park Ranger, GS-453-7, effective 19-18-59.

Safety and Health: One minor automobile accident was investigated. Only two personal injuries were reported during the month. One a fish hook puncture, the second a fractured arm suffered by an elderly lady while visiting Flamingo.

Visitors: Attended meetings in the vicinity during month.
A limited meeting should be held Sept 30, Saturday afternoon and
Special Civic Celebrations, and other members of the Board of Directors
of Visitors All Times were visitors in the full room and held a meeting
at Fluorine very early in the month.

Mr. Phillip Evans, Photographer for the Monthly Dressing Post
Dr. I. C. Turner, Optometrist Bus., Traveling and Sporting Goods
Representative Instruction Service, D. C. Office of Education
Mr. James H. Darrington, Associate, U. C. Bureau Service,
Atlanta, Ga.
Mr. John D. Dreher, Florida Board of Pharmacy, Tallahassee, Fla.
Mr. C. Dreyer, Electric Products Institute, Fla.
Congressman C. T. Conley, M. D. C. A., Miami, Fla. with Congressman
Dafter, D. Conly
Mr. Fields, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Films, Hollywood, Calif.
Mr. John H. Davis, Supt., Florida Citrus Exhibit Tour
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Love, University of Miami Press, Coral
Gables, Florida
Mr. Lorton Stevens, Jamaica, Territories.

Special Activities: A special Chamber-wide was sponsored for
the Day Coast Power Squadron who held a reception in Chamber. Seven hundred
(d) people attended.

During all times board of Directors meetings were invited to
Chamber meets special committees began were offered the Chamber luncheons.

A Post Meeting action was received in Chamber, by the U. C.
Public Relations Service.

Recommendations: Mr. Jackson Fields, the Meeting was a time here
to serve the possibility of making a movie there in cooperation.

Personnel: Miami C. active and interested Five Board Meet
Chamber Service Part in Recognized Business Year to Year Basis. Service
effective 10-1-57.

Sheryl L. Hines the Secretary Time Three Temp Secretary Service
Year by Purchase Refused Date as Part Temps, 10-1-57, effective
Mary C. Stevens was rejected to temp Time Vacancy in the
Position File Service for Position to Purchase Service Time, 10-1-57,
effective 10-1-57.
Diane L. Hitchcock, Jr. was granted five Post Temps, effective
to Correspond Part Temps, 10-1-57, effective 10-1-57.

Policy and Public: The Miami Convention Service to Convention
Day, the Planned Service was Reported Temps for Month. As a Post Temp
Service, the Public a Temporal Day Service to be Public Day Miami
Visiting Temples.

Building Fire Protection: Follow-up fire inspections were made of buildings in the Glades District during Fire Prevention Week. Also the wives of employees living in the Glades District (including Pine Island residential area) were given individual instruction on the use of fire extenguishers in their homes.

General Publicity: An article on Everglades, Fla. appeared in the magazine section of the Miami Daily News on Sunday, October 11.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Various members of the Ranger staff assisted in handling the Eastern Airlines party during their visit to the Park.

A rash of vandalism broke out during the month. Most of the damage consisted of signs pulled up, or stolen; at the end of the month this had ceased.

Two inspection trips were made to Tamiami Subdistrict. On the second the Chief Ranger accompanied the District Ranger to inspect the construction progress made on the airboat.

Glades District personnel aided in the blocking of the Park road during blasting at the new Visitor Center site.

Beginning October 21 the Entrance Station was opened on a five day week basis.

Jack Best, Audubon Warden, left the Gulf Coast District on October 10. Birds on Duck Rock are down to about 10,000.

Signs marking the entrance and exit to Everglades National Park were placed on the Mangrove Wilderness Trip boat at Everglades, Florida.

Monthly inspections and reports on tour boats at Everglades, Fla. were started and will continue.

Four evening patrols were made to Duck Rock and Bird Key to check for shooting of birds after the Audubon Warden left. No shooting was seen or heard on these trips.

Investigation of a stolen car reported showed that it had been repossessed by the finance company.

An apparently abandoned skiff off Nine Mile Bank was check out and owner was told to remove it from the Park.

A citation was issued for illegal crawfish traps near Key Largo.

Patrol Mileages for the month were as follows:

Automobile	7,137	
Boat	1,720	
Airboat	286	
Glades Buggy	0	Total - 9,323

Aircraft Activities: Eighteen flights, totaling fifty-one hours and covering 5,150 miles were made during this month.

Accomplishments on these flights are summarized as follows: Four routine patrols; Scouted fires; Messrs. Fields of MGS Studios; Geide of State Wildlife and Wallace of USC&GS flown for information and observation; Supt. Lewis of Virgina Islands National Park flew as observer on routine patrol; search for overdue boat; four flights with Regional Biologist on Great White Heron count. Wildlife and boat observations were recorded on all flights. The airstrip was covered with water for several days this month curtailing normal operations.

Complaints: Several minor complaints regarding reduction in number of sightseeing boat trips and cancellation of Boat-a-Cades were made. The Boat-a-Cade will be resumed next month, and the sightseeing boat schedule is augmented at about the same time.

Forest Fire Protection: Two smokes within the Mangrove line were spotted. No suppressive action was required on the lightning strike smokes.

Richard A. Nelson

Chief Park Ranger

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Memorandum

To : Chief Park Naturalist, Everglades National Park

From : District Ranger, Glades District, Everglades National Park

Subject : Monthly Narrative Report for Glades District, October, 1959

General

Weather Conditions

Everyone has been looking for fall weather but, with one exception, a cool 61 degrees, it didn't arrive in October. Warm, damp weather prevailed.

Rain predominated the weather during the month with 14.77 inches being recorded at Royal Palm. The glades and low pinelands were flooded. Farming in the Lone Pine Key area has been completely stopped for the present by high water. By the end of the month, the water level was 4.21 feet at the Taylor Slough gauge compared with 4.12 feet for last month and 2.66 for October, 1958.

	Max.Temp.	Mean Max.	Min.Temp.	Mean Min.	Rainfall
Royal Palm	92°	82.2°	61°	70.3°	14.77"
Homestead					

Increase or Decrease in Travel

Visitation in the District was lightly above September's 22,450 but was considerably below October, 1958. A total of 6,436 vehicles bringing 22,614 persons entered the park compared with 7,112 vehicles and 25,111 visitors for October, 1959. This is a drop of 10.32% in visitation. Much of this can be attributed to heavy rains and flooded conditions throughout South Florida.

Visitors

Mr. L. A. Farrer, Hydraulic Engineer, Planning and Reports Branch, Jacksonville District Office, U.S. Corps of Engineers

Mr. James B. Cartwright, Forester, U.S. Forest Service, Region 8, Atlanta, Georgia Office

Mr. John M. Bethea, Chief of Fire Control Florida Board of Foresters, Tallahassee

Mr. Ed S. Sweeten, District Forester, Lakeland, Florida

Mr. John G. Lewis, Superintendent, Virgin Islands National Park

Special Activities

The District Ranger attended a meeting of the Park's Safety Committee. The group made an inspection trip of the Florida Bay Ranger Station.

One session of the Food Handling School conducted at Flamingo by the Public Health Service was attended.

Administration

Personnel

Fire Control Aid Ralph C. Johnston was entered on duty on October 11th.

Subdistrict Ranger Theodore F. Whitmoyer was on annual leave the last two weeks of the month.

Park Ranger Wilmer H. Walker was entered on the payroll on October 18th. Mr. Walker reported for work on the 20th of the month. He was temporarily assigned to the Entrance Station.

Ranger Howard C. Copas was entered on the payroll on the 18th and was granted 80 hours annual leave.

Building Fire Protection

In connection with Fire Prevention Week, follow-up fire inspections were made of buildings in the District. Also, employees' wives living in the District were individually given instruction on the use of fire extinguishers in their homes.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service

Members of the District personnel assisted in handling the Eastern Airlines party visiting the Park.

A rash of vandalism was noted over the weekend of the 4th. Five labels along the Gumbo Limbo Trail were damaged, the "Fishing is Reserved for the Birds" sign at Taylor Slough bridge was pulled up, and a 35 M.P.H. sign at Pareutis Pond was stolen. Also on the night of the 20th, the "Flamingo-U.S. 1" direction sign on the Royal Palm Road was stolen.

The District Ranger made two inspection trips of the Tamiami Subdistrict. Chief Ranger Nelson accompanied the District Ranger on one trip and progress on the construction of the new airboat was checked.

Subdistrict Ranger Whitmoyer spent time supervising the construction of the new airboat.

District personnel were called upon to aid in the blocking of the road during blasting at the new Visitor Center site.

On Oct. 21st, the Entrance Station was opened on the five day week basis.

Patrol mileage is as follows:

Truck	3,023	miles
Airboat	286	miles
	3,309	miles

MONTHLY VISITOR REPORT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
ROYAL PALM DISTRICT

October ,19 5[illegible]

ORIGIN OF VISITORS	Observed Cars	Observed Visitors	Percent
Dade County Florida	1,[illegible]	4,214	
Other Florida	178	600	
Out-of-State	480	1,680	
Busses	[illegible]	100	
Local Miscellaneous	473	1,[illegible]5	
Audubon Society			
Total Observed	2,33[illegible]	[illegible],351	100%
Total Not Observed	4,103	14,257	
GRAND TOTAL	6,436	22,608	
Royal Pal-	1,[illegible]06	5,[illegible]76	

States Not Represented

Representative From:

U. S. Territories	Canada	Foreign
Vermont	Philippines	British Columbia
		Manitoba
Long Pine Key Campground		Ontario
Tent Campers 41		Quebec
		Saskatchewan
Camp entries Park between hours 5:00 PM and 8:30 AM (est.) 1,627.		Cuba Germany Mexico England Venezuela Austria Ireland Sweden France Switzerland Colombia Holland Australia Peru Scotland
Entrance Station open week ends until 11 PM and then 5 days a week.		

District Ranger
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~~October~~ November 2, 1959

Memorandum

To: Chief Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Ranger, Mangrove District

Subject: District Monthly Report for October 1959

General

Weather Conditions: Again, rainfall was above normal. Water tables reached hightest level in several years.

Tropical storm, Judith, accounted for some of the rain, also high tides and strong winds. Small craft and gale warnings were flown during the storm. Storm damage was negligible consisting only of debris washed ashore by the high tides. Maximum wind velocity was recorded at 48 mph at Key Largo.

	Maximum	Minimum	Av. Max.	Av. Min.	Precipitation
Flamingo	90°	63°	86.4	74.2	8.28 in.
Key Largo	89°	68°	86.0	76.2	6.30 in.

Visitors: The Board of Directors, Eastern Airlines, Inc. met at Flamingo for a board meeting. All of the members were quite prominent business people from various parts of the country.

Other visitors included:

Mr. Strout - Photographer - Saturday Evening Post
Mr. & Mrs. Malcom Ross - University of Miami Press.
Mr. Offenberg and Secretary

Special Activities: A special boat-a-cade was conducted for the Key West Power Squadron who held rendevous at Flamingo. Seven boats and 30 people attended.

(The annual inventory of Cape Sable Subdistrict equipment was completed).

Eastern Airlines Board of Directors were received and entertained at Flamingo. Special conducted tours were offered to interested members of the Boar.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Lawrence Field, MGM Studios, was in the District surveying possibilities of making a movie based on conservation.

Administration

Personnel: The District Ranger was on annual leave from the 1st to 17th.

Ranger Larson completed a two year tour of duty in the District on the 31 and was reassigned Subdistrict Ranger in the Glades District.

Safety & Health: One minor automobile accident was investigated at the Flamingo campground.

Only two personal injuries were reported; one, the usual catfish puncture; and the other, a broken arm suffered from a fall by an old lady.

A total of nine boat rescues or attempted rescures were conducted. Many required an all night search or combinations of daylight and night time searches. The Park aircraft was called upon to assist several times. Speed, maneuverability and shallow draft of the reserve and patrol boat CHIKIKA were of untold value in completing the operations as quickly and effectively as possible. Inconvenience and exposure to the rescued parties were much reduced and possible serious injuries were prevented. Two of the rescured parties were police chiefs of local towns.

Tropical storm, Judith, was responsible for two of the above rescues. The storm also forced a shrimp boat off shore in the Gulf to seek refuge in the Flamingo Harbor. The sudden development of the storm prevented any extensive preparations being done in advance. Fortunately the intensity was not great enough to do any serious damage.

Company sightseeing boats broke down at least three times and got to be in such poor condition the Coast Guard fianlly lifted certificates on all except the Robin K.

Sanitation: Mr. W. R. McLean and Mr. Bradley Bridges, U. S. Public Health Service, inspected the Flamingo sewer lagoons and reported them to be working very satisfactory.

Special committee: A special committee was appointed for
the purpose of [illegible] at Columbia. Dennis Curtis
was appointed chairman.

[The annual convention of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity was
held in]

Alumni Building Fund: A committee was appointed to
[illegible] Alumni Building Fund which was started
at Columbia. Several interested Delts were present to [illegible]
of the fund.

Correspondence: [illegible] Phi Delta Theta, and in the
following [illegible] of making a study based on observation.

Adjournment

Initiation: The Initiation Banquet was to follow [illegible]
[illegible] Alumni Building Fund was to follow [illegible]
[illegible] Alumni Building Fund was to follow [illegible]
[illegible] Alumni Building Fund

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with Other Federal, State, or Local Agencies: A Public Health Service sanitation and food handling school for concessioner and Park Service personnel was conducted by Mr. McLean and Mr. Bridges. The school was excellent and Park Service personnel at Flamingo derived much benefit from it. Unfortunately participation by the company was very poor.

A special use permit was issued A. J. Mills to catch shrimp in Whitewater and Oyster Bays in conjunction with shrimp studies being conducted by the Fish & Wildlife Service and University of Miami.

Company sightseeing boats were inspected by Comd. Barber, U. S. Coast Guard inspector. Certificates of inspection were lifted on three of the boats.

State of Florida Salt Water Conservation agent Jack Hobbs met with Ranger personnel of the District, and applicability of state registration of concessioner boats was discussed. Concessioner compliance with state registration has been delayed due to possibility of exemption since their boats are already registered with the National Park Service. A definite determination on this matter in urgently needed.

A Mr. Bullington, License Division, Fla. State Highway Patrol, contacted rangers at Flamingo regarding picking up revoked drivers license of concessioner employee.

Don Sullivan's rescue team, complete with Martin Boat, airplane and Homestead Police Force went all out to assist in search and rescue of Homestead Police Chief Cannon. GEE BOY!

OPERATIONS

Protection and Ranger Service: Stone crab season began on the 15. Fifteen operators have obtained permits to operate in Park waters with approximately 3000 traps. Ten crabbers in eastern Florida Bay have been contacted. Catches have been good, and no illegal practices have been observed. Crabbing has not begun yet in Western Florida Bay or on the West coast. Commercial trout fishermen have only been slightly active due to seasonal lack of fish.

Some crawfish have been taken in the Park, but most are takers outside along the Fla. Keys. As usual the crawfish population declined considerably a few weeks after the season opened.

Pompano fishermen have been active off Sandy Key when weather permits. As many as 10 boats have been working the area.

A notice of violation warning was issued to pilot of plance that landed at Flamingo. The plane, out of gas, refueled at the marina and proceeded.

Subdistrict Ranger Winte was inadvertantly shot at on a lieu day outside the Park. "Poochers" on Big Pine Key near Key West shot a hole through Winte's shirt which he had taken off and hung in a tree over his head. Jack Watson, Fish & Wildlife Service agent in charge of Big Pine Key Refuse is handling the case.

A drunken disturbance at the marina was investigated, and the drunks were detained until sobered up.

Investigation of a reported stolen car revealed the car had been repossessed by a finance company. The owner of the car, Mr. Hird, Motel Manager, denies any payments overdue on the car and intends to proceed legally against the finance company.

An apparently abandoned boat off Nine Mile Bank was checked out, and the owner was told to remove it from the Park.

Illegal crawfish traps near Key Largo were found, and a citation to appear before the U. S. Commissioner was issued to the owner.

Patrol mileages for the month were:

Vehicle - 4294
Boat - 1720

Concessioner

Green contracting company began work on swimming pool at the Flamingo Lodge.

Former marina manager, Chet Barnett, has returned to his old job, and Jud Hud moved from the marina to the motel as manager.

"Housekeeping" has been the theme of the month for the concessioner. A definite effort to clean up and fix up before the coming season has been evident. In many cases there is still a long ways to go. The kitchen has degressed rather than progressed.

Complaints: Several verbal complaints have been lodged because of lack of sightseeing service. The last week in the month only one six passenger boat was running. Many more than 6 passengers desired to take certain trips.

One verbal complaint was received when party arrived at Flamingo to take the Cape Sable Trip which they were told, at the Miami office, was scheduled. The Cape Salbe trip hasn't been running since the Coast Guard deadlined three of the sightseeing boats.

A visitor complained that he had not been advised the Saturday boat-a-cades had been discontinued. He was told it had been covered by a press release.

Forest Fire Protection: Two smokes within the mangrove line were spotted. No suppresive action was taken on the lightning strikes.

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Monthly Public Use Report, Mangrove District ,196

	Boats	People	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE
TOTAL VISITS (entry by boat)				
a. Florida Bay, non-commercial	842	1131		
b. Florida Bay, commercial fishermen	27	54		
c. Cape Sable, non-commercial	4	14		
d. Cape Sable, commercial fishermen	29	60		
e. Flamingo, slip rentals	4	13		
f. Estimated uncounted boats (1/3 of a & c)	109	382	1654	
OVERNIGHT VISITS				
a. Accommodations, concessioner			304	
b. Accommodations, private inholdings			0	
c. Designated campsites, tents, Flamingo Campground			132	
d. Designated campsites, trailers, Flamingo Campground			6	
e. Undesignated campsites, tent, (campground overflow)			0	
f. Undesignated campsites, trailer, (campground overflow)			0	
g. Other overnight				
Aboard private boats, Cape Sable	77			
Aboard private boats, Florida Bay	32			
Primitive sites reached by boat, C Sable	0			
Primitive sites reached by boat, Fla. Bay	0			
Commercial fishermen, Cape Sable	465			
Commercial fishermen, Florida Bay	275			
Rental houseboats, Flamingo	36		909	
Slip Rentals	24			
TOTAL VISITOR DAYS (add lines 1 and 2)			3599	

MONTH

SPECIAL USE DATA

a.	
b. Persons, entering by boat from Keys and West Coast	1657
c. Boats, entering from Keys and West Coast	615
d.	
e.	
Persons in vehicles actuating traffic counter at Buttonwood Creek	

MULTIPLIERS

a. Private autos X _____ b. Private boats X 3.5 c. Commercial boats X 2.0

REMARKS

a. Commercial fishermen are included in lines 1, 2g, 4b, & 4c

OTHER SPECIAL BOAT USE (visitors)

a. Flamingo rental skiffs	266
b. Flamingo sightseeing tours	400
c. Flamingo ramp boats	1124
d. Flamingo charter boats	127

TOTAL BOATING USE -- VISITOR DAYS (lines 1a - 1f, 2g, 7a - 7d) 4480

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Memorandum

To: Chief Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Ranger, Gulf Coast District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report, Gulf Coast District, October, 1947

General

Weather Conditions

Rain prevailed throughout the month. Hurricane Judith passed by Everglades on Sunday morning October 18th. Tides were 2½ to 3 feet above normal. Most of the town of Everglades was covered by high tides. No serious damage occured around this area.

Increase or Decrease in Travel

Travel for the month of October was up slightly over September. 1627 persons visited area during september as compared to 1261 for October for a gain of 366 persons.

Visitors

Mr. William Stout - Photographer for Saturday Evening Post
Comdr. C.W. Qunily - U.S.C.G.
Comdr. R.F. Barber - U.S.C.G.
Lt. R.W. Craig - U.S.C.G.
Mr. Fields - M.G.M. Studios

Special Activities

U.S.C.G. officers were over to inspect one of Sammy Hamilton's boats that is used on the sightseeing trips. The boat was in very good condition, except for the absence of a battery box, the starter junction box needed to be fastened down, and the pressure in the fire extinguisher was down. I had checked this and the boat had not been in operation since the fire extinguisher's pressure had been down. The Coast Guard did not inspect the other Hamilton boat or the Brown boat.

Administration

Personnel

J.R. Whitehouse returned from annual leave on October 2nd and to duty on October 3rd.

Effective Sunday, October 18th, 1959, Ranger Whitehouse was promoted from G.S. 5 Ranger to Supervisory Ranger G.S. 7.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

General Publicity

An article on Everglades, Florida, appeared in the magazine section of the Miami Dailey News on Sunday, October 11th, 1959. A copy was sent to the office. An article appeared in the Fort Myers Press and News concerning Pelecian Key, Roy Osmer, and the park in general.

Public Relations

Work was continued on a card file on all people living in Everglades and Chokoloskee area. Contacts were made with commercial fishermen and charter-boatmen. Rangers accompanied a commercial fisherman on a daylight pompano strike. Four mullet fishermen and six trout fishermen were contacted.

A series of four programs were set up for the Everglades School starting in November and running through February. These programs are designed to acquaint the children with the park.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service

Two boat rescues were made, one Mangrove sightseeing boat broke down and Rangers went to pick up the passengers, a boat was found broken down at the mouth of Rabbit Key pass this boat was out of the Angler boat dock on Chokoloskee Island. The boat owners were notified and came for the boat.

The Collier County Sheriff was contacted regarding rental of space for a radio aerial on the county owned tower in Everglades.

Jack Best, Audubon Warden, left the area on October 10th. Birds on Duck Rock are down to about 10,000.

Signs marking the entrance and exit to Everglades National Park on the Mangrove Wilderness Trip were installed.

Monthly inspections and reports on tour boats were started on 5th of October. They will be made on the 5th of each month and sent to the Chief Ranger.

Four evening patrols were made to Duck Rock and Bird Key to check for shooting after Audubon Warden was gone and to take Saturday Evening Post photographer Bill Stout for pictures. No shooting was seen or heard on these trips. About six shots were fired into Bird Key apparently by a passing fishing boat during the second week in October.

The U.S.C.G. inspected one of Hamilton's boats on October 15th. A Defective fire extinguisher was found, the battery needed placing in a plastic box, and the starter junction box needed to be fastened down. This boat was not in service at the time of the inspection due to motor breakdown.

Saturday night, October 17th, and Sunday, October 18th, the ranger personnel spent time looking after equipment and standing by for hurrican Judith.

Three trips were made to Lostman's River Station. Time there was spent on cleaning the yard and the inside of the station.

Maintenance

Maintenance and ranger personnel built a two stall boat shed at the Everglades Office. This was finished on Wednesday, October 28th.

Concessioners

During the month 355 Park Visitors made the Mangrove Wilderness Trip and 147 Park Visitors made the Ten Thousand Island Trip.

Forest Fire Protection

On October 3rd a fire was observed between Onion Key and Two Eye Bay. This was in the mangrove zone therefore no action was taken except to fly the fire. The Ranger-Pilot reported it was a lightning caused fire.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Stokes

Richard A. Stokes
District Ranger
Gulf Coast District

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MONTHLY BOAT TOUR REPORT

TRIP Ten Thousand Island Boat Tour MONTH October

DATE	NO. TRIPS	ADULTS	CHILDREN	FREE	TOTAL
Oct. 1	1	2			2
2	1	5			5
3	None				
4	1	3			3
5	None				
6	None				
7	None				
8	none				
9	2	6			6
10	3	14	2		16
11	3	14			14
12	1	2			2
13	2	5			5
14	1	4			4
15	3	15			15
16	None				
17	None				
18	None				
19	None				
20	None				
21	None				
22	1	7			7
23	1	7	2		9
24	1	4			4
25	1	2			2
26	3	24	2		26
27	3	7			7
28	1	10			10
29	2	5			5
30	None				
31	2	5			5

TOTAL 147

Submitted By: [signature]

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MONTHLY BOAT TOUR REPORT

TRIP MANGROVE WILDERNESS TRIP MONTH OCTOBER

DATE	NO. TRIPS	ADULTS	CHILDREN	FREE	TOTAL
Oct 1	2	4	-	-	4
2	3	10	1	-	11
3	1	2	-	-	2
4	2	4	-	-	4
5	2	4	-	-	4
6	3	9	-	-	9
7	1	4	-	-	4
8	4	12	-	-	12
9	4	14	-	-	14
10	2	7	-	-	7
11	4	12	-	-	12
12	2	6	-	-	6
13	4	14	-	-	14
14	4	15	-	2	17
15	4	21	-	-	21
16	4	19	1	-	20
17	4	16	-	-	16
18	-	-	-	-	-
19	2	6	-	-	6
20	2	8	-	-	8
21	2	5	-	-	5
22	2	7	-	-	7
23	4	20	-	-	20
24	2	5	-	-	5
25	3	18	-	-	18
26	4	26	-	-	26
27	4	19	1	-	20
28	4	29	-	-	29
29	2	10	-	3	13
30	2	6	-	-	6
31	3	15	-	-	15
TOTAL	87	347	3	5	355

Submitted By: Paula Hamilton

Memorandum

To: Chief Ranger

From: District Ranger

Subject: Monthly Public Use Report

Line 1 Total Visits 1093

1. 308 Persons in office that did not take boat trip.

2. 602 Total carried by sight seeing boat.

3. 1183 Total persons entered by boat.

Line 2 g Other overnight 40

Line 4 b Special Use data 1143 (Persons on boats)

Line 4 c Special Use data 345 (Number of boats entering park)

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Stiver

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EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

December 11, 1959

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades National Park

From: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report of Ranger Activities, November 1959

General

Weather Conditions: Heavy rains, high winds and a cold snap highlighted the month's weather. Rainfall records were broken for the year according to the U. S. Weather Bureau office in Miami. The old record for any year, set in 1948, was 79.65 inches. This year, up to November 21, 87.70 inches of rain had fallen. Glades water levels remained high, and farmlands and roads were flooded. A cold snap at the end of the month brought near-freezing temperatures, and crop damage was severe both from highwater, and cold winds. The water level at Taylor Slough stood at 4.21 feet, as compared with 2.30 feet for November 1958.

Small craft warnings were displayed at Flamingo on 8 days for a total of 128 hours.

The following is a weather summary of the Park:

Station	Max. Temp.	Av. Max.	Max. Temp.	Av. Min.	Precipitation
Royal Palm	89°	82.7°	40°	65.7°	5.43"
Flamingo	88°	81.8°	40°	66.7°	4.29"
Tamiami	89°	82.6°	40°	66.4°	5.58"
Key Largo	86°	81.3°	46°	70.1°	2.70"
Everglades	93°	80.9°	37°	64.3°	3.15"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: A total of 37,608 visitors entered the Park in November. Of this number 32,933 came by car; 4,029 by boat, and646 by bus. These figures reflect a decrease of 3 per cent under the November 1958 figure of 38,658 visitors. This decrease in visitation can best be attributed to many rainy days and the cold snap at the end of the month.

Visitors: Supt. and Mrs. Daniel B. Beard, Olympic N. P.

Supt. and Mrs. John G. Lewis, Virgin Islands N. P.

Supt. Kittridge Wing, San Juan NHS

C. C. Watson, Region One, Chief of Property and Records Management

Albert H. McDill, Branch of Operations, Region One

Roger J. Rogers, Region One Publications Officer

Congressman and Mrs. Ivor D. Fenton, Washington, D. C.

Congressman Michael J. Kirwan, Washington, D. C.

Miss Marshall, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS

Miss Turner, Personnel Office, Blue Ridge Parkway

Park Ranger and Mrs. Robert White, Virgin Islands N. P.

Benedict Thielen, Holiday Magazine

Mr. Cannon, Disbursing Officer, U. S. Treasury

Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox

Special Activities: Place names and unrecorded data were compiled and submitted to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for use in making a new map of the Park.

Non-denominational church services were started at Flamingo. These services are sponsored by A Ministry in The National Parks.

Miscellaneous: Jack and Ann Lewis' baby has been hospitalized most of the month with a serious kidney disorder.

The Gulf Coast District Ranger vacated his quarters at 40-Mile Bend, and the Tamiami Subdistrict Ranger moved into these quarters. The Subdistrict Ranger's old quarters are now being used as a bunkhouse, for seasonal employees.

Administration

Personnel: All members of the Protection Division attended the Annual Fire Control and Administrative Training Conference, November 2-6.

Safety and Health: Charterboat Captain Walter Mann fell and broke several ribs while working on his boat at Flamingo. Two lesser personal injuries and three minor motor vehicle accidents were also investigated.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with Other Federal, State or Local Agencies:

The USDA wild cotton eradication crew was authorized to use an Air Force helicopter experimentally during November.

Aids to navigation in Whitewater Bay and Florida Bay were inspected by Commander Demeritt of the Seventh U. S. Coast Guard District.

The Coast Guard again cooperated with Park Rangers in determining the identity of airplane wreckage discovered in the Gulf just off the mouth of the Harney River. The wreckage was part of an Air Force B-47, and the findings were reported to the Air Force.

The shrimp project in Whitewater Bay (conducted by the USF&WS) was completed.

A U. S. Border Patrol airplane landed at Flamingo and the pilot was advised of NPS regulations regarding landing of aircraft in the Park.

A State Conservation agent stopped in the Gulf Coast District Office to discuss Park boundaries and regulations.

Collier County Deputy Sheriff and Park Rangers investigated a report of a life raft on Indian Key. The raft was not found.

Screwworm fly traps in the Park were removed by the USDA.

The University of Miami Research Team made three airboat trips into the Shark River area.

U. S. Weather Bureau barrograph at Tamiami was returned to that agency.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Interpretive Services: The National Audubon Society began twice-weekly boat tours from Bear Lake to 'Gator Lake. The Gulf Coast District Ranger gave the first of a series of four talks to 250 students and 18 teachers at the Everglades School.

Public Relations: The Florida Bay Subdistrict Ranger attended two meetings of the Upper Keys Conservation Council. Discussion topics were concerned with preservation of coral reefs off Key Largo and establishment of an Issaac Walton League.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Two cases of grand larceny at Flamingo were investigated by Park Rangers and the FBI. Both are still unsolved.

Increased camping pressure has necessitated opening the closed portion of the Flamingo campground.

Nineteen miles of Park boundary were reposted in the Glades District. Hunting season for deer opened on the 21, and hunting pressure along Park boundaries has been very heavy. Stepped-up Ranger patrols have helped minimize hunting violations in the Park.

The closed area at Rookery Branch has been reopened as danger to nesting birds does not now exist.

A new airboat was placed in service in the Tamiami Sub-district.

Commercial fishing activities in Florida Bay and the Gulf Coast at present consist mainly of stone crab trapping.

Violations on which action was taken are as follows:

Speeding - 4 cases - Warnings issued.

Undersize fish and picking airplants - 1 case - Warning

Operating vehicle outside designated roadway - 1 case - Warning

Use of illegal traps (crawfish) in Florida Bay - 1 case - Fined $25 by U. S. Commissioner and traps confiscated.

Drunken driving - 1 case - Fined $100 by U. S. Commissioner.

Four boat search and rescue operations were carried out in the Mangrove District, and three boat rescues were accomplished in the Gulf Coast District.

The following is a summary of patrol mileages for the month:

Automobile	14,776
Boat	1,686
Airplane	7,050
Airboat	494
TOTAL	24,006 miles

Aircraft Activities: Twenty-three flights were made, totaling 70½ hours and covering 7,050 miles. Accomplishments are summarized as follows: Four days spent on Great White and Great Blue Heron count with Field Research Biologist; several hunter patrols; located lost fishermen in back country labyrinth; aerial assistance to ground boundary posting rangers; photography flight with Park Naturalist; found line of surveyor's flags in Park - directed ranger airboat to them for removal. The hangar in which the park aircraft is stored was broken into by vandals for the third time in six months. Fortunately the park plane was in the air at the time and suffered no damage. A nearby crop duster plane, however, was damaged to the

extent of several thousand dollars by bullet holes in its propeller and engine.

Concessioner: Installation of 16 TV units has begun at the motel. The swimming pool at the Flamingo motel is nearly completed. Painting of the motel and marina buildings is progressing, and the main concessioner building is also scheduled for painting. Motel and marina operations have improved, but there is still ample room for improvement in the kitchen, restaurant, and sightseeing boat operations. Tour boats at Everglades were inspected by the District Ranger. The Everglades boat trips appear to be well conducted and are well received by Park visitors.

Forest Fire Protection: All seasonal fire control aids had received their training and were assigned to their various duties by the end of the month. Water levels throughout the glades remained high, and there was relatively little fire danger.

R. A. Nelson
Chief Park Ranger

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TO: Chief Park Naturalist

FROM: District Naturalist, Mangrove District

SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Report, November, 1949

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES The month was marked with a decided increase in visitation over the previous month. This was especially noticeable during the last two weeks of the month.

There were 12 Evening Talks attended by 629 visitors. One of these programs was given by the Chief Park Naturalist on "Wilderness".

INTERPRETIVE FACILITIES AND PLANNING The District Naturalist accompanied the only Park Company Night-cruise Boat on tape at present, on one of his Whitewater Bay tours. Captain Lane was noted at doing a fine job in his interpretive talks.

A Saw Palmetto trunk section was cut and sent to Pine Island for cross-sectioning as per request of the museum team. Ranger Arnott's WESTERN logging experience came in handy in felling this tree.

The District Naturalist, Dr. Craighead and Naturalist Greer made a short trip through the Mangrove and Buttonwood groves of the area to collect some Airplants. These have replaced the cactus in the planter which did not thrive too well. The new bromeliads look better.

The District Naturalist took part in the training session at Pine Island during the beginning of the month for the new seasonals and gave a talk on the poisonous animals (snakes) of the park.

VISITORS Mr. C.A. Scott of North Miami Beach visited the area on Thanksgiving week-end. He is in possession of a book of some vintage on this area which may be of value. See "Memo-historical note of November 27, 1949.

MISCELLANEOUS A fine cluster of Epidendrum nocturnum was removed from the Mangrove Trail during the month. This was the largest piece of its kind on the trail and was slated to be removed.

The District Naturalist took the Federal Service Entrance Test on November 19, 1949 and was notified on November 23 that he had it "in the bag".....Amen!! "The eye is on the sparrow".

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Memorandum

To : Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From : District Ranger, Glades District

Subject : Monthly Narrative Report for Glades District, November, 1959

General

Weather Conditions

November came in like a lamb and went out like a lion. Generally, the weather was warm and mild with the temperature reaching 80 degrees or better on 25 days at Royal Palm. The first good cold wave of the season hit the park on the last two days of the month with the temperature dropping to a low 40 degrees on the morning of the 30th.

Rainfall at Royal Palm was 5.43 inches which is 3.65 inches above the 1.81 inch eleven year average. The water table was high with the Taylor Slough gauge reading 4.21 feet on the 30th, which is the same as for October. November, 1958 reading was 2.30 feet.

	Max. Temp.	Mean Max.	Min. Temp.	Mean Min.	Rainfall
Royal Palm	89°	82.70°	40°	65.73°	5.43"
Tamiami	89°	82.60°	40°	66.40°	5.58"

Increase or Decrease in Travel

A total of 9,429 vehicles entered the District bringing 33,579 visitors. This is a decrease of 2,615 persons or 7.2%.

Visitors from all 50 states were recorded in the Park as well as those from one U. S. Territory, four Canadian provinces, and sixteen foreign countries.

Visitors

Mr. Jack McDill, Regional Office

Mr. Watson, Regional Office

Mr. Roger Rogers, Regional Office

Major Smith, Homestead Air Force Base

Supt. Kit Wing, San Juan National Historical Site

Supt. John Lewis, Virgin Islands National Park

Special Activities

The District Ranger attended a meeting of the Park Safety Committee. The group inspected the nature trails and the Flamingo area.

District personnel assisted in the presentation of the Annual Fire Training Conference.

Miscellaneous

The Gulf Coast District Ranger vacated his quarters at 40 Mile Bend on the first of the month. Subdistrict Ranger Whitmoyer moved into the residence. Whitmoyer's quarters were changed back to a bunkhouse for seasonal employees.

Administration

Personnel

The following Fire Control Aids entered on duty during the month:

Raymond Spruill	November 2
William Brown	"
David Foster	"
William B. Whitney	November 3
Richard Glass	November 2
James Langford	"
Robert Hawthorne	"
Laurel Dale	November 9

Park Ranger Howard Copas reported for duty on November 2nd after taking two weeks annual leave between Smokies and Everglades.

Subdistrict Ranger Theodore Whitmoyer returned from a two week leave on November 4th.

Supervisory ParkRanger Paul Larson reported for duty as Subdistrict Ranger of Royal Palm on November 1st.

Fire Control Aid Ralph Johnston took 11 hours sick leave during the month. Fire Control Aid Raymond Spruill accepted the permanent park Ranger position (GS-5) at Fort Caroline. He reported for duty there on November 18th.

Thomas Hartman reported for duty on the 30th to fill Spruill's position.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State and Local Agencies

The University of Miami Research Team made only three trips into the Shark River area, covering approximately 50 miles. Airboat 11-215 was used for 25 hours for this purpose.

The U. S. Weather Bureau recording barograph was returned to a representative of that agency. This instrument was used by Tamiami Ranger Station as a part of the Hurricane Warning System.

All screw worm fly traps were collected by a representative from the USDA. Park Service equipment and personnel furnished transportation for this activity.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service

Three deer were killed by automobiles along the park road, numbers 31, 32, and 33 respectively.

In anticipation of hunting season, 19 miles of boundary were reposted with cloth boundary signs, eleven miles along the trail and loop roads and eight miles in the Hole in the Donut. About one mile of boundary was posted for the first time with metal signs. This was along the East Boundary about twelve miles south of the Trail.

The park Entrance Station opened on a seven day schedule on the 3rd of the month.

Hunting season opened for deer on the 21st. Patrol activities were stepped up accordingly. The Entrance Station opened at 4:00 A.M. on the first two days. Early and late truck and airboat patrols were made throughout

the last two weeks of the month.

Hunting pressures were particularly heave this year as all areas north of the Tamiami Trail were closed by the State, thus concentrating hunting around the park and in the Hole in the Donut. One-hundred and forty-two permits to carry firearms across park lands to private land in the Hole in the Donut were issued. Two airboats and eight glades buggy permits were similarly issued.

Five warning tickets were issued during the month, four for excessive speed on the park road and the other for operating a vehicle outside a designated roadway or parking area.

A new airboat (11-2301) was received in the district during the month and sent to the Trail. Airboat 11-1358 had a major engine overhaul during October.

Patrol mileage for the District was as follows:

Truck	9,794 miles
Airboat	494 "
	10,288 miles

Forest Fire Protection

The full force of fire control aids was on duty by the end of the month. Assignments were as follows: Long Pine Key Fire Tower, Whitney; Long Pine Key Patrol, Foster; East Boundary Patrol, Hartman; Assistant Fire Cache Supervisory Dale; Dispatcher, Glass; Seven Mile Tower, Johnston; Tamiami Fire Cache supervisor, Langford; Relief, Brown, Dale, and Hawthorne.

New signs for Pa Ha Okee, Mahogany Hammock, and West Lake trails as well as four other signs were made at the Fire Cache during the month.

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December 1, 1959

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Park Ranger, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for November, 1959

General

Weather Conditions: Although nice weater predominated the month was ushered out by a cold snap. A low of 40° was recorded on the 29 th.

Small craft warnings were displayed on 8 days for a total of 128 hours.

	Maximum	Minimum	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Precipitation
Flamingo	88°	40°	81.8°	66.7°	4.29 inches
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Visitors:

Daniel B. Beard - Chief of Interpretation, WASO
Mr. Cannon and wife - Disbursing Officer, US Treasury, Wash. DC
Miss Marshall -Roosevelt, Vanderbilt NHS
Mrs. Anderson - New York Department of Conservation
Miss Turner - Personnel Office, Blue Ridge Parkway
Congressman Kerwin and grandsons - Ohio
Park Ranger White and family - Virgin Islands N.P.
Mr. R. J. Rodgers - Publications Officer, Region One
Congressman Fenton and wife - Pennsylvania
Mr. Thielen - Writer, Hoilday Magazine
Ted Williams - Boston Red Sox

Increase or Decrease in Travel: (next page)

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Monthly Public Use Report, Mangrove District — November, 1959

	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE
TOTAL VISITS (entry by boat)		
a. Florida Bay, non-commercial ----------		
b. Florida Bay, commercial fishermen ----------		
c. Cape Sable, non-commercial ----------		
d. Cape Sable, commercial fishermen ----------		
e. Flamingo, slip rentals ----------		
f. Estimated uncounted boats (1/3 of a & c) ----------	1656 ✓	
OVERNIGHT VISITS		
a. Accommodations, concessioner	1044 ✓	
b. Accommodations, private inholdings	0	
c. Designated campsites, tents, Flamingo Campground	240 ✓	
d. Designated campsites, trailers, Flamingo Campground	170 ✓	
e. Undesignated campsites, tent, (campground overflow)	0	
f. Undesignated campsites, trailer, (campground overflow)	0	
g. Other overnight		
Aboard private boats, Cape Sable ----------		
Aboard private boats, Florida Bay ----------		
Primitive sites reached by boat, C Sable----------		
Primitive sites reached by boat, Fla. Bay----------		
Commercial fishermen, Cape Sable ----------		
Commercial fishermen, Florida Bay ----------		
Rental houseboats, Flamingo ✓ ----------	1473 ✓	1502
TOTAL VISITOR DAYS (add lines 1 and 2)	4933	MONTH

SPECIAL USE DATA

a.	
b. Persons, entering by boat from Keys and West Coast	1456 ✓
c. Boats, entering from Keys and West Coast	543
d.	
e.	
f. Persons in vehicles actuating traffic counter at Buttonwood Creek	

MULTIPLIERS
a. Private autos X _____ b. Private boats X 3.5 c. Commercial boats X 2.0

REMARKS
a. Commercial fishermen are included in lines 1, 2g, 4b, & 4c

OTHER SPECIAL BOAT USE (visitors)

a. Flamingo rental skiffs	287
b. Flamingo sightseeing tours	1229
c. Flamingo ramp boats	155 ✓
d. Flamingo charter boats	142

TAL BOATING USE -- VISITOR DAYS (lines 1a - 1f, 2g, 3a - 3d) 6996

Special Activities: District personnel attended the annual Administrative Training School.

Place names and unrecorded data were compiled to submit to the Fish and Wildlife Service who has offered to make a map of the Park.

Non-denominational church services were started at Flamingo. Mr. Charles Clapp, student minister, conducted services under the sponsorship of the Ministry in the National Parks.

A new idea in boating was introduced at Flamingo. A test boat made by Turbocraft Corporation was demonstrated. Floating and submerged marine growth proved to be to much for the water jet turbine opwer of the boat.

Jack and Ann Lewis' baby has spent most of the month in the hospital with a serious kidney disorder.

Special boat trips were arranged for Congressmen Fenton and Kerwin and Mr. Rodgers of Region One Office.

The Ft. Lauderdale Rotary Club spent a weekend at Flamingo.

Administration

Personnel: SAUL W. SCHIFFMAN, DISTRICT NATURALIST, PASSED THE FEDERAL SERVICE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

Park Ranger James D. Arnott entered on duty this district the 8 th.

Safety and Health: Charter boat Captain Walter Mann fell and broke several ribs while working on his boat. A Concessioner cook fell in the kitchen, and a visitor suffered a minor injury while fishing.

Three minor vehicle accidents accurred. No personal injuries resulted.

Action was initiated on four search and rescue operations. Two lost parties were rescued after a cold and miserable night out. Immediate rescue of another party prevented any discomfort from exposure. The fourth party arrived at logged destination a day late but without mishap.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: Authorization was granted the Department of Agriculture Wild Cotton Eradication Crew to experimentally use a heliocopter in connection with eradication work in the Park.

A new three year inspection certificate was issued by the US Coast Guard to the concessioner sightseeing boat Robin E. All other sightseeing boats are still deadlined pending certification by the Coast Guard.

Aids to navigation in Whitewater Bay and Florida Bay were inspected by Cmdr. DeMerit, District 7, US Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard again cooperated in determining identity of plane wreckage in gulf off mouth of Harney River. The wreckage was determined to be that of an Air Force B-47. A report of the findings was submitted to the Air Force by the Coast Guard.

US Fish and Wildlife agents Costello and Allen completed shrimp project in Whitewater Bay.

Florida State Saltwater Conservation Officers were at Flamingo twice for an answer as to just how the concessioner stands in regard to State lisencing of boats.

A Border Patrol pilot landed at Flamingo and was advised of Park Service regulations concerning use of aircraft.

Cooperating Non-Governmental Agencies: The National Audubon Society launched two boats at Bear Lake and began their twice weekly tours there.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Public Relations: Sub-District Ranger Winte attended two meetings of the Upper Keys Conservation Council. Among other things a possibility of establishing an Izaak Walton League on the Keys was discussed. Preservation of Coral Reefs off Key Largo was also another topic of discussion.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Two cases of grand larceny were reported and investigated by rangers and the FBI. Both are still unsolved.

An incident requiring ranger attention involved a jilted female looking for her "lover" hidden out at the Robert Kearney residence.

The closed area at Rookery Branch ahs been reopened as danger to nesting birds does not now exist.

Commercial fishing activities have consisted mostly of crab and crawfish trapping. One case was held in commissioners court involving illegal size traps. The Violator was fined $25. Owner of boat with undersize nets was contacted regarding abandoning this equipment near Nine Mile Bank. Some crabbers are complaining that weekend boaters are robbing their traps.

A party was warned verbally for bringing in undersize fish and airplants.

One case of drunken and reckless driving was heard in Commissioners Court. The violator was fined $100.

A drunken disturbance at the bar was quelled by the District Naturalist.

Fingerprinting of Company employees has increased as seasonal workers enter on duty. One fired cook ran off with another cook's suitcase.

Demand for camping space has necessitated opening closed portion of the campground for the season.

Boat patrol has been confined primarily to required trips on rescues, investigation of violations etc.

Patrol mileages for the month are as follows:

Vehicle - 3657
Boat - 1166

Maintenance: Twenty channel markers were erected in Tin Can Channel.,

MFG and Playcraft skiffs were hauled and put in first class shape.

Concessioners: Bob Knight, President, Everglades Park Company, Inc. departed for the Superintendents Conference at Williamsburg.

A strict no drinking policy was layed down by Mr. Knight, and the threat of losing job faces any Company employee caught drinking at Flamingo, on or off the job.

Painting has been the goal of the Company all month. The motel has been almost completely redone, much of the Marina has been done, and the Visitor Center will be done.

Concessioner operation has generally improved except at the kitchen ~~and~~, restaurant. ~~other~~ and sightseeing departments. Motel and Marina operations are greatly improved.

Installation of 16 TV units has begun at the Motel.

The swimming pool is nearly complete.

The sight seeing department is still oeperating with one boat.

Ernest J. Borgman
District Ranger
Mangrove District

cc: Winte.

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Memorandum

To: Chief Ranger

From: District Ranger Stokes

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report, Gulf Coast District, November 1953

General

Weather Conditions

The weather during the month was very good with the exception of the 29th and 30th during which time we has exceptionally cold temperatures rangeing from 64° to 37°. 3.15 inches of rain was recorded by the Everglades weather station. The max. Temp. was 93° and the min. Temp. was 37°. The average Min. was 54.3° and the average Max. was 80.9°.

Increase or Decrease in Travel

Travel for the month of November increased 35%. 2373 visited the area during November as compared to 1685 for October.

Visitors

Mr. Benedict Thielen - Holiday Magazine
Mr. Rogers - Reg. Publications Officer
Mr. Watson - Reg. Procurement Officer
Mr. [illegible] - Assist. Chief of Operations Reg.

Special Activities

Rangers from the Gulf Coast District attended the Administrative Training and Fire School at Pine Island on Nov. 4, 5, & 6.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperative with other Federal State and Local Agencies

State Conservation Agent Wolcott was in office for a disscussion on park boundaries and regulations.

County Deputy Sheriff [illegible] and Rangers investigated report of life boat on Indian Key. It was not found.

Interpretive Activities and Recreation

Interpretive Service

On Nov. 19, 1953, District Ranger Stokes gave the first of a series of four talks to Everglades School. This talk was on Everglades National Park and the National Park Service. There were 250 students and 12 teachers in attendance.

General Publicity

Much publicity was given this area on a tour of Darwins place on Chevelier Bay and the Indian Bones on Ghopher Key, also on the status of Roy Ozmer the Hermit of Pelican Key. This was in the Fort Myers Press, The Collier County News, The Miami Herald, and the Miami News. Clippings of all were sent to office.

Public Relations

Contacts of local fisherman and residents were continues to further park relationship with them.

Research and Observations

A pair of Brant were observed on Chokoloskee Causeway November 11. This is only the third record of these birds in the park area.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service

Patrols Truck - 135 miles
Boat - 520 miles

Tour boats were inspected on Nov. 8th and report sent to chief ranger. The old Higgins boat was taken to Flamingo by Ranger Whitehouse to be sold. Two patrols were made to Lostmans River. Three boat rescues were made during month.

Mr. Thielen of Holiday Magazine was taken to Watson place and Chatham River also to Pelican Key for information to write a story on the everglades.

Five trips were made with concession boat trips to check on their progress which was found to be very good.

Maintence

Roofing was put on boat shed and dock was bult in center of shed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranger

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Everglades National Park

December 1,1959

Memorandum
To: Chief Ranger
From: District Ranger Stokes
Subject: Monthly Public Use Report, Gulf Coast District

Line 1 Total Visits 2373
1. 431 persons in office that did not take boat trip.
2. 790 total carried by sight seeing boat.
3. 1553 total persons entered by boat.

Line 2g Other Overnight 50

Line 4b Special Use Data 1583 (persons on boats).

Line 4c Special Use Data 366 (numberof boats entering park)

Respectfully Submitted
Richard A. Stokes
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MONTHLY BOAT TOUR REPORT

TRIP MANGROVE WILDERNESS TRIP MONTH NOVEMBER

DATE	NO. TRIPS	ADULTS	CHILDREN	FREE	TOTAL
Nov. 1	2	9	-	-	9
2	3	15	-	-	15
3	4	16	3	-	19
4	4	30	-	-	30
5	4	16	2	2	20
6	4	20	3	2	25
7	3	22	-	-	22
8	4	29	3	-	31
9	4	30	5	-	35
10	3	22	-	-	22
11	4	30	-	-	30
12	3	11	-	-	11
13	3	18	-	-	18
14	4	20	1	1	22
15	4	34	-	-	34
16	3	15	-	-	15
17	3	23	-	-	23
18	2	8	-	-	8
19	1	2	-	-	2
20	3	9	-	-	9
21	4	12	-	-	12
22	4	13	-	-	13
23	3	15	-	-	15
24	3	18	-	-	18
25	3	12	-	-	12
26	2	4	-	-	4
27	3	19	-	2	21
28	2	15	2	-	17
29	4	24	-	-	24
30	3	25	2	1	27
TOTAL	97	500	22	9	530

Submitted By: Paula Hamilton

Paula Hamilton

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MONTHLY BOAT TOUR REPORT

TRIP Ten Thousand Island MONTH November 1959

DATE	NO. TRIPS	ADULTS	CHILDREN	FREE	TOTAL
Nov 1	1	11	1		12
2	2	4		2	6
3	2	14			14
4	None				
5	None				
6	1	3			3
7	2	12			12
8	1	3		5	8
9	2	4			4
10	3	23		2	25
11	3	16			16
12	2	12		2	14
13	1	14		2	16
14	None				
15	2	13		2	15
16	2	11			11
17	3	19			19
18	2	7	2		9
19	2	8		1	9
20	2	6			6
21	None				
22	1	6			6
23	2	10			10
24	3	17	2	1	20
25	1	6			6
26	3	12			12
27	1	2			2
28	2	8			8
29	None				
30	1	7			7
TOTAL					250

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January 7, 1960

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades National Park

From: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report of Ranger Activities - December 1959

General

Weather Conditions: Nearly perfect weather prevailed during the month of December with temperatures ranging from a high of 84 degrees to a low of 46 degrees.

Small craft warnings were displayed on all or part of ten days at Key Largo and for nine days at Flamingo causing turbid water conditions in much of the Mangrove District.

Water levels in the Pineland and Taylor Slough areas were falling by the end of the month. However, the glades water levels remained quite high for this time of the year. The staff gauge at Taylor Slough read 3.35 feet as compared with the November reading of 4.21 feet and a reading of 2.25 feet for December 1958.

The following is a weather summary for the Park:

Station	Max. Temp.	Av. Max.	Min. Temp.	Av. Min.	Precipitation
Royal Palm	81°	76.2°	46°	55.9°	1.41"
Tamiami	84°	76.1°	46°	59.2°	0.64"
Flamingo	80°	75.6°	46°	57.5°	1.72"
Key Largo	81°	75.3°	49°	65.3°	1.43"
Everglades	84°	75.3°	45°	53.7°	.26"

Increase or Decrease in Travel: A total of 53,836 visitors entered the Park during December. Of this number 44,191 came by motor vehicles and 9,645 came by boat. These figures represent an increase of 12% over the December 1958 figure of 48,015 and brought the total to 500,193 visitors for the calendar year.

Travel started out slowly, increasing at a very rapid rate so that an overlow condition existed during the last week of the month at the Flamingo Campground. Boat Travel was off about 20% in the Florida Bay area due to the windy days during the month. However, boat travel in the Gulf Coast District increased considerably, particularly on the Ten Thousand Island area.

Visitors represented all 50 states as well as the countries of England, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Israel, France, Norway, Venezuela, Australia, Ecuador, Finland, Holland, Columbia, Bolivia, Pakistan, Austria, Greece, Italy, Denmark, Cuba, Ireland and the Canadian Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

Visitors: Senator and Mrs. Spessard L. Holland
Mr. Francis R. Oberhansley, Supt., Zion & Bryce Canyon N. P.
Mr. Earl Semingsen, Supt., Dinosaur N. M.
Mr. John G. Lewis, Supt., Virgin Islands N. P.
Mr. Ed Zimmer, Chief, EODC
Major Yost Smith, Homestead Air Force Base
Mr. Fred Joss, Central & So. Florida Flood District
Mr. E. R. Baker, U. S. Public Health Service
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stupka, Chief Naturalist, Great Smoky Mountains N. P.
Mr. Douglas Barnes, Director of Dade County Parks
Mr. Joseph Lynch, Supt., Chalmette N. H. P.
Mr. Stewart Orgill, Tour Leader, Carlsbad Caverns N. P.
Mr. James Hoffa, President of the Teamsters Union
Mr. A Nathan, Israel resort promoter, guest of the State Department.
Mr. J. Fred Devenport, Supv. Ranger, Harpers Ferry N. M.
Mr. Carol O. Gustafson, Special Assistant
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farley, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt N. H. S.
Mrs. Theresa Farley, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt N. H. S.
Mr. Harvey S. Cross, President, Muskingun Conservancy District, New Philadelphia, Ohio

Special Activities: Sunday church services at Flamingo conducted by the Christian Ministry of the National Parks were renewed this month and have been well attended. The student minister, Mr. Clapp, has done an excellent job of conducting the weekly services.

Miscellaneous: Farming activity in the "Hole-in-the-Donut" has reached a feverish pitch. All the cleared land is now under cultivation except Hayes' land. Mr. Hayes is attempting to pump the water off his land with questionable results.

Dade County personnel and equipment spent two weeks filling and grading the Long Pine Key Road from the intersection of the farm road, West to Iori's Labor Camp.

A stabbing occurred at the Iori's Labor Camp during December. State and County Law enforcement agencies made an investigation.

The Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District cleared the vegetative growth and earth from culverts along the Tamiami Trail from 40 Mile Bend east to the Park's east boundary. Permission was given to them to clear to 200 feet south of the highway.

Three surplus boats, which were replaced by the three new Martin boats, were sold on bids.

An 18" Japanese glass net float was found in perfect condition on Cape Sable.

Jesse Peay, long time employee of the Department of Agriculture, working on the wild cotton eradication program within the Park, passed away as a result of a heart attack.

Administration

Personnel: District Naturalist Hugh Muller entered on duty at the Mangrove District December 26.

Safety and Health: A victim of D. D. M. (fiberglass hardening agent), poisoning was rescued from a disabled boat and rushed to the Homestead Hospital by Ranger personnel. The victim required an extended period of hospitalization to recover from the very caustic poisoning.

Three other personal injuries were investigated; one automobile accident was investigated; three safety ladders were placed along the sea walls at the Flamingo Visitor Center and boat basins; and an Everglades Park Company employee suffered a light stroke and was taken to the Homestead Hospital.

Assistance was given to a snake bite victim who was brought into the Tamiami Ranger Station.

Building Fire Protection: Approximately $500.00 damage resulted when an air conditioning unit caught fire in a motel room at the Flamingo Lodge.

A reinspection of dry chemical fire extinguishers has been started due to finding one that would not work because of caked powder.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: Corrections, suggested additions and changes on existing charts and maps of the Park area were submitted to Mr. Tom Costello, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for consolidation and reprinting of a master map of the Park. The Fish and Wildlife Service has generously offered to do this work.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, "Cotton Pickers", moved equipment into the Flamingo Campsite occupied by them in previous years. They plan to begin operations early in January.

Ranger personnel made several trips using Park equipment to transport personnel from the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey to the water gauging stations. New and more precise stage recording equipment was installed in stations P-33 and P-34.

Research by the University of Miami Marine Laboratory and by the outdoor laboratory team working on the fresh water research problem continues.

The U. S. Border Patrol has been in close contact with Ranger personnel in regard to suspected alien activities in the Park area. The Cuban situation keeps this area quite active.

Interpretive Activities and Developments

General Publicity: Advertisements concerning boat trips into the Park appeared in a monthly magazine published by a Naples tourist organization.

Public Relations: Contact with Park neighbors in the new Gulf Coast District continues.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Five boat rescues were made during the month. One rescue necessitated carrying the ill boater across the mud bank to the rescue boat.

Vandalism increased during the month. At least four acts were committed on Christmas night. Theft of personal property such as fishing tackle and tools and breaking into automobiles accounted for most of this.

Three cases were tried before the U. S. Commissioner. The violations consisted of one case of speeding, one case of disorderly conduct of an Everglades Park Company waitress and one case of deer hunting involving three local men.

Seven warning tickets were issued for minor violations.

About 5½ miles of new boundary was posted during the month.

Reports of bird shooting at some of the Florida Bay keys was investigated and a close watch is being maintained on the Spoonbill nesting colonies.

Overcrowded conditions at the Flamingo Campground necessitated enforcement of the 30 day camping limit.

Suspected "heavy" poker games among the concessioner employees were investigated and a couple of night raids were made. Although no proof of gambling was found, the suspected games were believed to be broken up.

Deer number 34 was killed on the Park road.

A report of disturbance to Indian mounds at Gopher Key was made. No disturbance was found.

Aircraft Activities: Twenty-two flights were made during the month totaling sixty-one hours and covering 6,000 miles. Seven passengers were carried. Flying was curtailed slightly because the aircraft engine was overhauled after 1450 hours of trouble free operation. The overhaul required 13 days time.

Most of the flights this month were for hunting patrol along the boundaries because hunter pressure was at an all time high this year due to the area north of the Tamiami Trail being closed. Trespass was kept to a minimum by almost constant patrol during the active periods.

Several violations were observed from the air and reported to Ranger personnel on the ground for followup.

Patrol mileage for the month is as follows:

Automobile	14,619 miles
Airplane	6,000
Boat	2,116
Airboat	860
Total	23,595 Miles

Maintenance: Siding was installed by Ranger personnel on the boat shed at Everglades.

Numerous signs were made, repainted and refurbished by Protection personnel during the month.

Rangers cooperated with the maintenance division to survey conditions of the Cuthbert Rookery gate; install a visitor register at the Flamingo Campground; move a boat trip log signant desk to a shelter and make pointers for channel markers.

Concessioner: Employee and equipment problems still continue to plague the concessioner at Flamingo. The Christmas rush swamped all concessioner facilities there and a new kitchen crew, organized after the restuarant manager left on the 16th, weathered the storm in fair shape although service was lacking during the busy period. A record number of people for a single night stay at the motel was set.

The swimming pool at the motel was completed early in the month and received some use on warm days. Landscaping of the pool was completed and additional plantings were added to the front of the motel.

Embarrassing situations arose when the propane gas supply played out during the Christmas Eve dinner hour and when sewage backflow flooded the kitchen another night after dinner.

On the bright side of concession operations, passengers increased 55% on the concession boats operating out of Everglades. All trips were crowded during the last of the month and approximately 200 people could not be taken on trips because of lack of space, but the concessions were considered to be operating very satisfactorily.

Forest Fire Protection: Fire hydrants were tested and painted and a quantity of $1\frac{1}{2}$" fire hose was tested in the Pine Island area.

The anemometer at the Long Pine Key Lookout was repaired and placed back into service.

Richard A. Nelson

Chief Park Ranger

Memorandum

To : Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From : District Ranger, Glades District

Subject : Monthly Narrative Report of Glades District, December, 1959

General

Weather Conditions

Ideal tourist weather prevailed during the month of December with a high of 84 degrees and a low of 46 degrees recorded in the District. The rainfall of 1.41 inches at Royal Palm was about equal to the 10-year average of 1.48 inches. Water levels in the pineland and Taylor Slough were falling by the end of the month. Glades levels, however, remained quite high for this time of the year. The gauge at Taylor Slough read 3.35 feet, almost a foot lower than November reading of 4.21 feet. December, 1958 reading was 2.25 feet.

	Max.Temp.	Mean Max.	Min.Temp.	Mean Min.	Rainfall
Royal Palm	81°	76.2°	46°	55.9°	1.41"
Tamiami	84°	76.1°	46°	59.2°	0.64"

Increase or Decrease in Travel

The travel month started out slowly but ended with a bang. Visitation to the District totaled 44,298 which is slightly lower (304 persons) than the 44,602 visitors for December, 1958. All 50 states were represented as well as 22 foreign countries and seven Canadian provinces.

Visitors

Mr. Francis R. Oberhansley, Superintendent of Zion and Bryce Canyon N. P.

Mr. Earl Semingsen, Superintendent of Dinosaur National Monument

Mr. John G. Lewis, Superintendent of Virgin Islands National Park

Mr. Ed Zimmer, Chief of E.O.D.C.

Major Yost Smigh, Homestead AirForce Base

Mr. Fred Joss, Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District

Miscellaneous

Farming in the Hole in the Donut has reached a feverish pitch. All land that has been cleared is now under cultivation except Hayes. Mr. Hayes is attempting to pump the water off this land with questionable results.

Dade County spend two weeks hauling gravel and repairing the Long Pine Key road. The road is now in good shape as far as Iori Camp.

A stabbing occurred at Iori Camp during December, Ranger reported the incident to the State Police and County authorities made the investigation.

On December 2nd, a light plane landed on the Park Road west of Pine Land Trail. The student pilot was lost and running low on gas. District personnel called out Ranger Pilot who was in the air at the time and he escorted and directed the plane back to Tamiami Airport.

The Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District cleared culverts along the Tamiami Trail from 40 Mile Bend east to Krome Avenue. They were given permission to clear 200 feet south of the highway. On the first of

December, they managed to get the dragline stuck in back of the Tamiami Ranger Station. It took several days to get the machine out.

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies

The University of Miami Research Team made only two trips into their outdoor laboratory--the Shark River, during the month. Airboat 11-215 was used 14 hours, covering 70 miles for these trips. The Park Biologist accompanied the team on one of the trips.

Stan Leach, U.S.G.S. gauging station attendant, removed, repaired, and replaced two stations, P-33 and P-34. A new, more precise stage recording assembly was installed in both stations. Four trips were made using Park equipment.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service

One deer, a yearling buck, was hit by a car 16 miles southwest of the Entrance Station on December 14th. This makes #34 on the Park Road.

District personnel assisted in getting Mr. Logan Batchelor to the Homestead Hospital. Mr. Batchelor had accidently taken poison.

A snake bite victim (probably non-poisonous snake) was treated at Tamiami Station by Subdistrict Ranger Whitmoyer on December 29th. The victim

was taken to Miami by ambulance.

One case for speeding on the Park Road was tried before the U. S. Commissioner. The violator pleaded guilty and was fined $15.00.

Six warning tickets were issued for speeding during the month.

About 5½ miles of new boundary posting was accomplished during December. Three and one-half miles along the township given back to the State. About two miles was posted on the east-west line south of Pine Island.

Two road blocks were run on the farm road for short periods. Firearms were checked.

Patrol mileage for the District during December was as follows:

Truck	10,091	miles
Airboat	860	miles
	10,951	miles

Forest Fire Protection

Fire Control Aids made seven Park signs of various types during December.

Fire hydrants around Pine Island were tested and painted, some clearing was also done around them.

Four-hundred fifty feet of 1½" fire hose was tested, of this one 50 foot section was found to be bad.

The anemometer at Long Pine Key Tower was repaired and placed back in service.

All dry chemical fire extinguishers in the Royal Palm Headquarters

All dry chemical fire extinguishers in the Royal Palm Subdistrict were checked after one was found to be faulty. The tops were taken off, and powder examined in all cases.

MONTHLY VISITOR REPORT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

ROYAL PALM SUB-DISTRICT

VISITS	Month Dec.	Year 1959
	Observed	
ORIGIN OF VISITORS	Cars	Visitors
Dade Country Florida	2,182	7,637
Other Florica	527	1,831
Out-of-State	2,328	11,648
Busses	15	310
Audubon Society	17	102
Local and Miscellaneous	3,101	11,971
TOTAL OBSERVED	8,170	33,502
Not Observed (Night)	3,054	10,687
Not Observed (Day)	---	---
TOTAL NOT OBSERVED	3,054	10,687
GRAND TOTAL ~~FOR DEC. (24 HOURS)~~	12,540	44,191

OVERNIGHT VISITS, Long Pine Key Campground	Sites	Campers
Tents	547	1,167
Trailers	160	352
TOTALS	707	1,519

SPECIAL USE DATA	Cars	Visitors
Royal Palm Area	4,523	15,091
Pa-Hay-Okee Area		
Mahogany Hammock Area	~~4,147~~	
Farm Road	3,347	

Ralph E. Maxwell
District Park Ranger

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To: Chief Ranger Dalton

From: District Ranger Stokes

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report, Gulf Coast District, December

General

Weather Conditions

Perfect weather conditions prevailed most of the month. Warm temperatures brought people out by the hundreds the last week of the month.

Increase or Decrease in Travel

Travel increased 50% over November which does not include the increase caused by adding the number of commerical fishermen to the visitation. The total for December was 8,182. In the succeeding months this percentage will include commerical fishermen.

Visitors

E.B. Decker, U.S.P.H.S., Atlanta, Ga.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stupka, Chief Naturalist, NPS
Mr. Edward Zimmer, Chief NPS
Capt. Dalrain, USCG, Ret. (Personal friend of Mr. Phil Blagg)
Senator and Mrs. Spessard L. Holland

Miscellaneous

Ranger Whitehouse has his mother-in-law visiting with the family over the holidays.

Ranger Stokes took his days annual leave to spend the holidays with his family in central Florida.

Cooperative Activities

Boundary Adjustments

Engineer Jefferson was in the area on Dec. 21 getting information for location of post boundary toward Chokoloskee Bay.

Negotiating with other Federal, State, or Local Agencies

U. S. Border Patrol were in to discuss problems of illegal aliens in Collier.

Inter-office Activities and Developments

General Activities

The article appearing in the April Herald concerning the Realty sales of land in Collier County. The article was [illegible] Collier County Commissioners.

Advertisements concerning this title appeared in several magazines put out by Collier County organizations.

Public Relations

Contacts of various natures continued during months. The attitude of the people in the community seems to be relatively good and is generally likely in favor of the park.

Protection

Protection and Ranger Service

Patrol mileage: Truck 850 miles
Boat 641 "

A trip was made to Ft. Myers on Dec. 2 to contact Naturalist Radio people concerning installation and maintence of radio system for Gulf Coast District.

Patrol was made to Naples Bay to check for disturbance of Indian Mounds, none was found.

Contacts were made with local people to get them more on alert at area in preparation for the influx of visitors to the park.

Three patrols, one overnight, were made to Caxambas area. No boats were seen in the area.

Signposting trails were inspected and repaired for visitors.

Property inventory was checked and typed for Gulf Coast District and sent to Mr. Odell.

Two boat rescues were made during December.

Maintence

Piles and fence were installed on [illegible] property. Boundary signs were lettered in preparation for [illegible]

Concessions

Four tri; concessions for operating were established. Boat were very crowded during that week of December and representatives for another could not be taken on trips due to lack of space. A total of [illegible] boats on trips for an increase of [illegible] over December.

Richard A. Stokes

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MONTHLY BOAT TOUR REPORT

TRIP Ten Thousand Islands MONTH December 1959

DATE	NO. TRIPS	ADULTS	CHILDREN	FREE	TOTAL
Dec 1	None				
2	1	2			2
3	3	9			9
4	1	9			9
5	3	11	2		13
6	None				
7	None				
8	1	6			6
9	2	9			9
10	1	2			2
11	1	4			4
12	2	6			6
13	None				
14	1	2			2
15	1	5			5
16	1	3			3
17	1	12			12
18	None				
19	3	9	2		11
120	None				
21	3	15	1		16
22	1	13	4		17
23	2	6			6
24	2	6	1		7
25	2	10	1		11
26	3	40	7	2	49
27	3	51	11	1	63
28	3	37	16	2	55
29	2	36	13	4	53
30	3	33	9		42
31	3	20	2		22
TOTAL					423

Submitted By: _____

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Memorandum

To: Chief Park Ranger, Everglades National Park

From: District Park Ranger, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for December, 1959

General

Weather Conditions: Alterna ely warm sunny days and cool windy days constituted the weater picture for the month. Winds caused turbid water conditions in much of the district.

Small craft warnings were displayed on all or part of ten days at Key Largo. The warnings were displayed nine days (132 hours) at Flamingo.

	Maximum	Minimum	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Precipitation
Flamingo	80°	46°	75.6°	57.5°	1.72 in.
Key Largo	81°	49°	75.3°	65.3°	1.43 in.

Visitors: Spessard Holland and wife - US Senator from Florida
Arthur Stupka - Chief Naturalist, Great Smoky Mountains N.P.
Douglas Barnes - Director, Dade County Parks
Earl Semingsen - Superintendent, Wind Cave National Park
Frank Oberhansley - Superintendent, Grand Teton N. P.
Joseph Lynch - Superintendent, Chalmette N. H. P.
Stewart Orgill - Tour leader, Carlsbad Caverns N. P.
James Hoffa - Un on President, Teamsters Union
A. Nathan - Isreal resort promoter, guest of State Department

Special "show me" and interpretive trips were arranged for each of the above visitors except two. One of the two unfortunates (Hoffa) was picked up for speeding.

Increase or Decrease in Travel: The 2979 camper days for December this year compared to 785 for December last year and 760 last month is indicative of the increase in travel and use of the Flamingo area. An overflow condition existed the last week of the month for the first time at the Flamingo Campground.

Weather conditions accounted for peculiar seasonal distribution of

boating activity. Travel was off 20 % in Florida Bay due to numerous windy days and up 17% in the Cape Sable Subdistrict. Total use was up 10% over last month and 22% over December, 1958.

Special Activities: Sunday church services have been well attended. The student minister, Mr. Clapp, has done an excellent job of conducting the weekly services.

The National Ensign was flown at half mast in reverence to death of last Civil War veteran.

Miscellaneous: Jesse Peay, long time employee of the Department of Agriculture working on wild cotton eradication within the Park passed away as result of a heart attack.

A Japanese glass net float was found in perfect condition on Cape Sable. The float measured some 18 " in diameter.

Three surplus boats, replaced by new ones, were sold.

Naturalist Saul Schiffman's parents arrived at Flamingo and spent the holidays with Saul and friends at Flamingo.

Administration

Personnel: District Naturalist Hugh Muller entered on duty this district the 26 th.

Safety and Health: Three boat rescues were made. Two were mud bank jobs and one resulted from motor failure at East Cape. One of the persons resdued was a victim of DDM (fiberglass hardening agent) poisoning. It was necessary to bodily carry him across mud bank from stranded boat to rescue boat, transfer him from rescue boat to patrol car and rush him to the Homestead Hospital. Extended period of hospitilization resulted from the very caustic poisoning.

One automobile accident was investigated when concessioner employee hit a deer.

Locations were selected for installation of five emergency ladders along sea walls at Flamingo Visitor Center and boat basins. Three of the ladders, salvaged from an old antenna tower, have been placed.

Safety and health rules to be posted at new swimming pool at motel were compiled.

A fishing guide employed by the Everglades Park Company suffered a light stroke and was taken to Homestead Hospital.

Sanitary fill at the Coot Bay dump was burned.

Three minor personal injuries were reported.

Slight bruises and scratches were suffered when the Flamingo

Naturalist fell in a culvert.

Building for Protection; Approx $50 damage resulted when the [illegible] Caught fire in Multi Room

Cooperative Activities

Cooperation with other Federal, State or Local Agencies: Several phone calls were exchanged with the US Border Patrol in regard to suspected alien activities in the district. No aliens have been contacted but someone slipped in and "mowed" a swath on the old Middle Cape airstrip; even put up a wind soc.

Corrections, suggested additions and changes on existing charts and maps of various areas within the Park were submitted to Mr. Tom Costello, US Fish and Wildlife Service, for consolidation and reprinting of a master map of the Park which has heretofore not existed. The Fish and Wildlife Service generously offered to do this work.

Work continues on the various University of Miami Marine Lab. projects. No new projects were started.

Radio and telephone calls were made from the Key Largo Ranger Station to obtain information for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, State Board of Conservation and Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

The "Cotton Pickers" moved equipment into campsite just west of the campground and plan to begin operations early in January.

Operations

Protection and Ranger Service: Two cases were tried in US Commissioner'S Court. Three deer hunters spotlighting in the Park were apprehended and fined $200, $15 and$15 of which $175 was suspended. A drunken and disorderly waitress created quite a scene in the Flamingo dining room, coffee shop and gift shop. She was not quieted until hauled off to jail. A suspended sentence was imposed on her.

A decided increase in vandalizm and petty larceny has accompanied increased visitation. At least four acts of vandalizm were committed Christmas night. Thievery of petty personal articles such as shaving gear, fishing tackle, tools,etc. has been reported. One car abandoned on the road was broken into,and several things were taken.

Report of activity at the Middle Cape airstrip by the Ranger Pilot was investigated, and it was found that not only had the strip been mowed but at lest one, probably more, aircraft had been using it.

Commercial fishing activity has been rather slow. Crabbing has been the principal activity. One warning violation was issued for use of illegal speciman net. A n order to move an abandoned commercial boat in Florida Bay was issued via letter to the owner.

Overcrowded conditions at the Flamingo Campground necessitated enforcement of the 30 day camping limit. Four parties were evicted.

Suspected "heavy" poker games among concessioner employees were investigated, and a couple of night raids were made. Though no proof of gambling was found, the suspected games were believed to be broken up.

Lou Watson, captaining Don Sullivan's charter boat, has become increasingly flagrant in conducting his operation; meets his party at the Marina, returns to the Marina after a days fishing and makes a public display of his catch which is always bigger than anyone elses. Where the hundreds of pounds of fish go to once they are hauled away from Flamingo is anyones guess. Enforcing restrictions on commercial operations of Marina employees, sightseeing captains and other local residents at Flamingo has become increasingly difficult because of the highhanded manner in which Watson and Sullivan continue to operate.

Shooting birds in the vacinity of Crane and Nest Keys was reported.

Close watch has been kept on spoonbill nesting keys.

Patrol mileages for the month were:

Vehicle	3478
Boat	1475

Maintenance: Rangers cooperated with the maintenance division to survey condition of the Cuthbert Rookery gate, install register at campground, move boat trip log signout desk to shelter and make pointers for channel markers.

The MFG skiff, Playcraft and Bahama boat were all returned to the water after considerable maintenance work and rebuilding had been done. The whole fleet is afloat and running now.

Representatives of the Intercounty Telephone Company were contacted regarding relocation of telephones at Flamingo, and arrangements are being made by the Company to make desired changes.

Concessioner: The Christmas rush swamped all concessioner facilities at Flamingo. A new kitchen crew organized after the restaurant manager, Mr. Stauffer, left on the 16 th. weathered the storm in pretty good shape although service was lacking during busy periods. Lack of rental outboard motors was keenly felt at the Marina, and need for larger rental craft (5 to 6 passengers) was apparent. A record number of people for a single night stay at the motel was set.

Swimming pool at the motel was completed early in the month and received some use on warm days. Landscaping of the pool was completed, and additional plantings were added to front of the motel.

The motor vessel "JUNIPER" returned to Flamingo, and it is planned to convert it to a strictly sightseeing vessel rather than the combination sightseeing-fishing boat it was last year.

A couple of embarrassing situations arose when the propane gas supply played out during the Christmas eve dinner hour and when sewage backflow flooded the kitchen another night after dinner.

The second "Activities Director" in a months time left the employ of the Everglades Park Company, and the position has since been vacant. There is some doubt now as to necessity of this position.

The sightseeing department is still operating with one boat, and many people have been turned away. Those that have been able to secure a seat on the boat have not been overly enthusiastic about the trips.

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	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE
TOTAL VISITS (entry by boat)		
a. Florida Bay, non-commercial ----------		
b. Florida Bay, commercial fishermen ----------		
c. Cape Sable, non-commercial ----------		
d. Cape Sable, commercial fishermen ----------	121	
e. Flamingo, slip rentals ----------	1339	
f. Estimated uncounted boats (1/3 of a & c) ----------	1463	
OVERNIGHT VISITS		
a. Accommodations, concessioner	1570	
b. Accommodations, private inholdings		
c. Designated campsites, tents, Flamingo Campground	1353	
d. Designated campsites, trailers, Flamingo Campground	565	
e. Undesignated campsites, tent, (campground overflow)	463	
f. Undesignated campsites, trailer, (campground overflow)	98	
g. Other overnight		
Aboard private boats, Cape Sable ----------		
Aboard private boats, Florida Bay ----------		
Primitive sites reached by boat, C Sable----------		
Primitive sites reached by boat, Fla. Bay----------		
Commercial fishermen, Cape Sable ----------		
Commercial fishermen, Florida Bay ----------		
Rental houseboats, Flamingo ----------	1245	
TOTAL VISITOR DAYS (add lines 1 and 2)	7133	MONTH

SPECIAL USE DATA

a.	
b. Persons, entering by boat from Keys and West Coast	1339
c. Boats, entering from Keys and West Coast	407
d.	
e.	
f. Persons in vehicles actuating traffic counter at Buttonwood Creek	

MULTIPLIERS
a. Private autos X _____ b. Private boats X 3.5 c. Commercial boats X 7.0

REMARKS
a. Commercial fishermen are included in lines 1, 2g, 4b, & 4c

OTHER SPECIAL BOAT USE (visitors)

a. Flamingo rental skiffs	395
b. Flamingo sightseeing tours	1491
c. Flamingo ramp boats	1549
d. Flamingo charter boats	169

BOATING USE -- VISITOR DAYS (lines 1a - 1f, 2g, 7a - 7d) 7684

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